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First question U.S. worried Sadat-Assad split could torpedo Geneva at Sadat the road Jerusalem

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's first question to Israel was whether it would welcome the start of separate Israeli-Egyptian peace negotiations.



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By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. yesterday refused once again to say whether it would welcome the start of separate Israeli-Egyptian peace negotiations.

State Department spokesman Hoddin Carter III said that Washington continues to favor efforts aimed at reaching a comprehensive settlement within the framework of a reconvened Geneva peace conference.

Pressed to say how the State Department would react to the start of separate Israeli-Egyptian peace talks, the spokesman replied that he was not going to speculate about a development that neither Egypt nor Jerusalem says it has any intention of pursuing.

But the White House and the State Department were in a tizzy yesterday attempting to keep up with events in the Middle East. Clearly, there was concern over the public rift that has developed between Egypt's President Anwar Sadat and Syrian President Hafez Assad. The Americans are primarily worried that this split could bring to an end the Administration's peace initiative.

Spokesman Carter told reporters that the U.S. still believes that a Geneva conference "is in the cards," despite yesterday's official confirmation of Sadat's visit to Jerusalem. He declined comment on the resignation of Egyptian Foreign Minister

Fahmy, and refused to characterize the outcome of Sadat's talks in Damascus with Syrian President Assad.

The spokesman acknowledged that Sadat and Assad were in apparent disagreement over the Egyptian leader's visit to Jerusalem. But he said that it was too early to determine whether the Sadat-Assad talks had affected — either way — the possibility of a Geneva conference.

President Carter was reportedly staying on top of the situation, meeting with his senior staff and receiving up-to-the-minute assessments from U.S. officials in Israel and the various Arab capitals.

But Carter and the rest of the U.S. foreign-policy establishment are baffled by the unexpected turn of events, and no one in the government here is prepared to speculate what the impact of the Sadat visit to Jerusalem might be or how the U.S. should respond.

Spokesman Carter said that the U.S. is prepared to provide any assistance requested by either Egypt or Israel to facilitate the Sadat visit. But he said he was aware of any request for U.S. aid in providing security arrangements to protect Sadat while he is in Israel.

The American media, meanwhile, are gearing up for major coverage of the Sadat visit. Top U.S. journalists were scurrying yesterday to make arrangements to fly to Israel. "It promises to be the media event of the year," one expert commented.

Herzog asks UN to suspend debate on the Middle East

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Israel Ambassador Chaim Herzog has suggested to the UN General Assembly that in view of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's coming visit to Israel it should suspend its "acrimonious and counter-productive" debate on the Middle East.

Herzog addressed the suggestion directly to the Assembly President, Yugoslav Deputy Foreign Minister Lazar Mojsov, at the beginning of a speech on apartheid, the question now before the assembly.

"Events which may be of great and historic importance are in the offing in the Middle East," he said. "In view of this, Mr. President, it

seems to me appropriate that this event should be reflected in this assembly both in plenary and in the committees. In that the acrimonious and counter-productive debate on the Middle East, which seems to be the centre of most of the deliberations, be suspended."

Postponement of a three-day Middle East debate tentatively set to start on Tuesday was understood to be already under consideration. A debate on Palestine is due to begin on November 30.

In addition, a discussion of Israeli practices affecting human rights in administered Arab territories is coming up in the special political committee.

Media sending 2,000 to cover the event

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The world's major TV networks, radio stations, newspapers and magazines are sending some of their most famous and respected correspondents to cover Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's momentous visit to Jerusalem.

What some regard as "the story of the decade" or even "the story of the century" is attracting an estimated 2,000 correspondents, photographers and media technicians. Among those flying here for the event are Walter Cronkite of the Columbia Broadcasting System, (whose interview-by-satellite on Monday night with President Sadat and Premier Menachem Begin gave impetus to the sudden journey), Barbara Walters of the American Broadcasting Company, John Chancellor of the National Broadcasting Company, and Armand de Boroghove of "Newsweek," who is also a close friend of Sadat.

In addition, nearly every major newspaper in the U.S., Europe and

even the Far East is sending representatives.

A communications centre for the use of the press — including Egyptian journalists (five of whom have already applied for visas from the Israeli Embassy in London), who are arriving today — is being set up at the Jerusalem Theatre, just a few blocks from the King David Hotel, where the Egyptian entourage will be staying. Three hundred direct-dialling telephones will be available for their use.

In addition, a large screen showing live TV transmissions of events in the Knesset will be set up in the theatre for journalists who cannot be admitted to the parliament building for reasons of space. Information booklets prepared by the Foreign Ministry and the Government Information Centre will also be on hand, although the last-minute notice of the trip jettisoned plans by the Government Press Office to produce special booklets for the occasion. Lack of time also prevented the printing of special passes for local journalists; they will be able to cover most events by showing their regular press cards.

Journalists will fill most of the capital's hotels to 100 per cent capacity, making the tourist establishments look like the headquarters of an international press convention.

Some 400 journalists have made reservations at the Plaza Hotel alone. The management called home its chef, Shalom Kadosh, from an overseas trip and asked him to make sure that food is available for guests on a round-the-clock basis. Kadosh, born in Morocco, may try his hand at Arab-style cuisine. All guests at the Plaza during the Sadat visit will be treated to free use of the sauna in order to relax from the tension of deadlines.

The capital's Hilton Hotel is setting up a special bar adjacent to a press room for their guests; journalists who have time may use the tennis court throughout the night.

Israel TV and Radio will begin coverage this morning, with live broadcasts at around 8 a.m. on the arrival of the Egyptian plane with security men and journalists. At 7 p.m. on Saturday night, Sadat's landing at the airport will be aired live and continue through his arrival at the King David Hotel.

Police leaves cancelled

Jerusalem Post Staff, tlm

All police leave was cancelled from last night, and Inspector-General Haim Tavori cut short his own holiday to deal with the security aspects of President Sadat's visit. Nissav Arye Yizman, commander of the southern district has been put in charge of what has been code-named "Operation Sadat."

In Jerusalem all roads on President Sadat's route will be cleared of motor traffic and parked vehicles from this morning, and will be subjected to intensive security scrutiny throughout today and tomorrow.

SADAT HERE TOMORROW

By ANAN SAFADI
Post-Mideast Affairs Editor

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat is due to arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport tomorrow evening for his history-making visit to Israel during which he will conduct peace talks with the government and address the Knesset in Jerusalem. He will stay until Monday.

Sadat's announcement of his acceptance of Premier Menachem Begin's official invitation last night was followed immediately by the resignation of Egypt's Foreign Minister, Ismail Fahmy, and the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mohammed Riad, the man Sadat had named to replace Fahmy.

The Syrian Government last night issued a statement saying that Fahmy's resignation was "a natural and logical reply to Sadat's intention to visit Israel." Hours after the Egyptian leader had concluded a two-day visit to Damascus, the Syrian government condemned Sadat's visit to Jerusalem. Syria said: "We hold him (Sadat) responsible for the repercussions of his decision."

Both Fahmy's resignation and the Syrian denunciation triggered an outcry in several Arab capitals against Sadat's sensational visit.

Preparations here, meanwhile, reached a frenzied pitch last night to get the country ready for the most dramatic visit in its almost 30 years of independence. Sadat's decision to come as early as tomorrow night was yet another surprise in the developments that followed his willingness to go to Israel.

Begin told a press conference yesterday that he received the first indication that Sadat might want to come on Saturday night from U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis on Wednesday afternoon. This tentative date was kept in deepest secrecy "for obvious reasons."

Last night, Lewis conveyed a question from Egyptian Vice-President Hani Moharak as to what hour Sadat could come on Saturday night without desecrating the Sabbath. Begin said he replied that Sadat could safely come between 7:30 and 8 p.m., without risking the danger of

- ★ Fahmy immediately resigns
- ★ Visit condemned by Syria
- ★ 60 Egyptians land today
- ★ Begin to head reception



Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday as he told a group of U.S. congressmen in Jerusalem that he had received President Sadat's cable announcing that he would arrive in Israel tomorrow.



Egyptian President Anwar Sadat as he told reporters in the Syrian capital, Damascus, yesterday that he would indeed visit Jerusalem and that Syrian President Hafez Assad disagreed with him over the trip.

Posolei Agudat Yisrael tithing a motion of no-confidence in the Knesset charging wilful desecration of the Sabbath.

Sadat will receive a state reception at the airport. His prayers at the al-Aksa mosque on Sunday morning will coincide with the services there of the first day of the four-day "great" Moslem feast, Id al-Adha, which marks the annual pilgrimage,

Haj, to Mecca.

It will also be suggested to Sadat that he visit Yad Vashem, Israel's national monument to Holocaust victims, but he will make the decision on this.

Sadat will begin his official talks with the government on Sunday morning and deliver his address to the Knesset later in the afternoon. The language to be used in the of-

Official speeches has not yet been determined. Begin said that if Sadat chose to speak in Arabic, he would speak in Hebrew, but if the President spoke in English, so would he.

Begin said last night that he would personally receive Sadat at the airport as the distinguished guest walked on a red carpet from his Egyptian jet to make history as the first Arab leader ever to visit the sovereign Jewish state.

Begin pledged to launch "serious substantive" talks on a Middle East peace settlement with Sadoi, noting that the Egyptian leader's agreement to come here was "a rare" chance to advance understanding between Israel and her neighbours.

The premier cautioned that Israel and Egypt have no illusions about their differences on basic issues. But Begin stressed that they could now talk at the highest level in a bid to resolve their disputes. He went further to disclose that he had already invited Syrian President Hafez Assad, Jordan's King Hussein and Lebanese President Elias Sarkis to visit Jerusalem, although he did not say whether such invitations were conveyed formally.

Begin announced that the Egyptian leader would be hosted at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem. He said that he was checking whether Sadat would agree to a state banquet on Sunday night.

Final protocol arrangements for the visit have been withheld pending this morning's arrival of the head of the Egyptian Presidential Bureau in the company of some 60 Egyptian personnel. Officials of the presidential office are due to meet with one of Begin's top aides, Mr. Eli Ben-Elissar, as well as with the Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, Ephraim Evron.

As Israelis looked forward excitedly to the visit, reports from Cairo said that the popular reaction in Egypt was one of overwhelming approval. Nevertheless, the project was said to have been affected by the disapproval of other Arab countries in general, and particularly over Fahmy's resignation.

Fahmy, the man Sadat brought to orchestrate Egypt's switch from the East to West affiliation immediately after the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

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Details will be completed today

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Reporter

Cabinet secretary Arye Naor, who heads an inter-departmental committee planning ceremonial and protocol, told The Post last night that the Prime Minister's Office had a broad outline of the programme for the Sadat visit but would only fill in details today.

"We know what sort of standards we want to maintain and what type of ceremony, but only after President Sadat's chief of bureau, Mr. Kamal, flies in on Friday will we learn exactly where the President would like to visit, whom he would like to talk to, and when. We shall endeavour to plan everything to suit our guest, as

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Begin telephones news to Callaghan

By NYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Prime Minister James Callaghan yesterday evening to tell him personally that he would be unable to be in London on Sunday, when his planned official visit to Britain was scheduled to begin.

A spokesman at 10 Downing Street told me that Callaghan "readily agreed" to a postponement, stating that the visit of Sadat to Jerusalem "could prove to be of the greatest significance in attempts to solve the Arab-Israeli problem."

Israel Television reported last night that Begin would most likely go to Britain on December 4.

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Safed	10-19	14
Haifa Port	15-22	22
Tiberias	12-19	21
Nazareth	10-17	18
Afula	10-21	21
Shomron	12-19	20
Tel Aviv	14-21	23
B-G Airport	12-23	24
Jericho	12-26	26
Gaza	14-23	24
Servatiba	12-23	26
Eilat	14-26	27
Tiran Straits	17-24	27

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Former British prime minister Edward Heath called yesterday on Interior Minister Yosef Burg at Dr. Burg's Tel Aviv office. Mr. Heath was accompanied by British Ambassador John Mason. During the day Dr. Burg was also visited by a delegation from the West German parliament.

State Revenue Commissioner Moshe Neudorfer will speak at "The New Economic Policy Taxation," at the Haifa Maritime and Economic Club, Zion Hotel, at 1 p.m. today. For reservation, phone 511993.

Yigal Allon MK will speak at the Haifa Engineers Forum at 1 p.m. today.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 8.30 tonight at Hechal Shlomo in Jerusalem. Speakers will be Rabbi Dr. S.M. Leiman and Y'a'acov Barzani of the Foreign Ministry. Cantor Arye Goldberg will lead the singing of Zimrot. A Melave Malka will be held tomorrow at the same place at 8.30 p.m. with Isaac Ben-Yaacov, political adviser to the Municipality of Jerusalem as guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Lendner will give a recital. The public is invited to both occasions.

(Communicated)
An Oneg Shabbat will be held at 8.30 p.m. tonight, at Tnuv Shiva Zion, 86 Rehov Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Rabbi Yehuda Anshacher and Israel Tassit, author and editor.

"Israel and the Territories: Not One Inch or All the Way?" will be debated by Philip Gillon and Moshe Kohn, both of The Jerusalem Post, at Mazon Ha'oleh, 9 Rehov Alkalai, Jerusalem, on Thursday, November 24, at 8.45 p.m., under the auspices of Eithad Olai Britannia. All are welcome.

A memorial service to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of Rabbi Emanuel Carlsbach of Cologne will take place at the Har Hamenuhot Cemetery in Jerusalem at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday, November 20.

Edith Rojansky, Honorary Consul-General of Monaco, gave a reception at her Tel Aviv home yesterday to mark the birthday of Monaco's Prince Rainier III.

ARRIVALS

Philip Stollman, chairman of the Bar-Ilan University board of trustees, from the U.S.

Visit wasn't in Carter's programme

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's remarkable decision to visit Jerusalem has left the Carter Administration with egg on its face.

Embarrassed and stunned, Administration officials are trying to make the best of a situation that was clearly not of their making. The fact that Sadat found it necessary to take this bold initiative cannot be seen as representing any great tribute to American diplomacy.

Sadat, apparently concerned that the U.S. peace initiative was about to stall because of Syria's refusal to go along with U.S.-sponsored procedures for Geneva, felt that he had to do something extraordinary that would maintain the momentum. America's repeated submission to Syria's demands was making him look foolish in the Arab world.

Herb Block, the respected cartoonist of "The Washington Post," captured this mood on Wednesday. Two shocked State Department officials are seen reading a newspaper headline about the Sadat trip. "You sure this is all right?" one of them asks. "I wasn't on our programme."

Actually, officials here are trying to play it very cautiously. They have no alternative. National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, for example, called Sadat's decision "a very significant, perhaps a geological breakthrough," but he warned that negotiating a final Arab-Israeli settlement would be "just as long

and as tedious as before." Former secretary of state Henry Kissinger, while welcoming the visit, viewed it as a potentially risky matter, especially if expectations are raised to an unrealistic level. His advice to the Administration was that it not adopt a stance "too doctrinaire."

These remarks were seen as indicating support for a possible return to the step-by-step negotiating option, rather than putting all the U.S. eggs in the overall settlement basket. Let there be a fall-back position.

Kissinger does not want to see the Administration remain inflexibly tied to the all-or-nothing approach. If Israel and Egypt can achieve a Sinai II accord ending the state of war, why shouldn't the U.S. encourage them to do so?

In fact, the White House also has been getting some strong advice from other influential circles during the past 48 hours, recommending that the President send Sadat a personal message welcoming all efforts aimed at resolving the conflict — not only those efforts leading towards a comprehensive settlement at a reconvened Geneva conference.

The Palestinians — two elements that will be able to set a hardline pace for the other participants. And that will make progress very difficult.

A few days ago nobody would have believed that Sadat could pull off a visit to Jerusalem. Now he seems to be on the verge of doing just that. In historical terms, this might be seen as a turning point in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Such developments require bold responses by all involved parties, including the U.S.

Sadat, of course, denies that he has any intention of making a separate pact with Israel. Reconvening the Geneva conference is his aim for going to Jerusalem, where he can be expected to make an impassioned plea on behalf of the Palestinian refugees.

But that does not necessarily preclude other options if Sadat comes around to the conclusion that his hopes of regaining Sinai are being thwarted by Syria.

Observers here have called attention to several similarities between Begin and Sadat. They are both about the same age. Both have a history of heart trouble. Both are excessively formal in their approaches towards foreign policy. Both seem to put great emphasis on their personal relations with other leaders.

The odds are that if they meet in Jerusalem, Sadat will be on a personal level, despite their serious disagreements on substantive issues. But that it took Begin's election to bring about a Sadat visit to Jerusalem is surely ironic.

Airport prepares for the special guest

Item and Post Staff

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — The Israeli and Egyptian flags will fly side by side from the roof of the floodlit passenger terminal here at 7.30 tomorrow night when the Egyptian fleet carrying the Egyptian president and his party is scheduled to land.

Elaborate preparations are under way for the reception of President Sadat. Security, protocol and accommodation for an estimated thousand media-men, including 30 television crews, are among the problems besetting airport manager Ezra Balas and his assistants.

Balas and his team of organizers spent part of last night at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem, discussing guidelines for the reception arrangements. Balas told airport reporters last night that he already has a complete plan, worked out to

the smallest details, of how to receive the most unexpected guest in the airport's history.

Security arrangements will be coordinated between the police and all the branches of the security forces, and hundreds of persons are expected to be involved in the operation. Sadat's own personal security men will be in constant contact with their Israeli counterparts, using walkie-talkies for the purpose.

The procedure will be based on that used during the visit of Richard Nixon when he came here as U.S. President in 1974. All the protocol arrangements for a full-scale state occasion will be deployed. The only distinction between Sadat and other heads of state who have visited here in the past is, of course, the absence of peaceful relations between Egypt and Israel.

The runway area will be floodlit, and a vast space between the tar-

mal and the runways will be cordoned off by police barriers. When Sadat emerges from the presidential plane, a bugler will sound a welcome, and an artillery unit stationed on the far side of the runway, near the Israel Aircraft Industries, will fire a 21-gun salute. Then the Chief of Protocol at the Foreign Ministry will ascend the boarding ramp of the aircraft and escort the Egyptian President down to the red carpet, where he will be welcomed by President Katsir, Prime Minister Begin, and the Speaker of the Knesset.

It is not yet known whether Sadat intends to speak at the airport, but the necessary loudspeaker system has been installed in case he does. The estimated time for the reception ceremony is 25 minutes. Then Egypt's president and Israeli Prime Minister will together make for Israel's capital.

MKS: Visit may intensify pressure on Israel

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Knesset Members were yesterday excited over the prospect of meeting President Sadat, but expressed concern that the visit might lead to strong international pressure on Israel to make far-reaching concessions.

Sadat's trip to Jerusalem, which many countries do not recognize as Israel's capital, was seen not only as ending a long boycott of Israel and the capital, but also as opening prospects for peace.

"It's a historic precedent. It's a great thing," former Foreign Minister Yigal Allon (Alignment) told The Jerusalem Post.

"The road to peace is still long and strewn with difficulties, but this is an important first step to give peace a chance," said the National Religious Party's Yehuda Ben-Meir.

"It's very courageous of him," said the Likud's Amal Nasr el-Din. Amnon Rubinstein, of the Democratic Movement for Change, said that the move opens the way for forces in the Arab world that are

willing to put up with Israel.

Members were divided on what to expect of the Egyptian leader. Some believed he would appear very moderate in his address to the Knesset, but Ben-Meir thought that to counteract Arab criticism of his visit, Sadat would present a tough line. Ben-Meir hoped that Sadat, in his private talks with Prime Minister Begin, would be more moderate.

Yigal Allon predicted that no negotiations would be conducted during the two-day visit, only "the beginning of a dialogue." Rubinstein said the trip would prove to be a success if a further meeting was arranged.

Former Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi (Alignment) predicted increased world pressure on Israel, if Sadat's visit does not lead to an Israel-Arab agreement. "They will expect us to moderate our positions considerably in view of the Egyptian President's courageous step," he said.

Zeldan Atsbe, of the DMC, in a similar vein, said that if no agreement is reached, world public opinion will hail Sadat as a hero, blame Israel for intransigence, isolate her politically, then economically, and thus invite an Arab attack under

comfortable conditions.

Allon said that he expected meetings with the Knesset factions to make it clear to Sadat that the Israelis are united in opposing both negotiations with the PLO and the creation of an independent Palestinian state west of the Jordan, and to clarify the concept of "defensible borders."

Former Prime Ministers Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin, and Labour Party chairman (and former Defence Minister) Shimon Peres are in the U.S., but Allon said he hoped they will return in time to meet Sadat.

One Knesset Member who is particularly keen to shake Sadat's hand is Asaf Yaguri of the DMC. Yaguri was the most senior Israeli officer taken prisoner by the Egyptians during the Yom Kippur War. "I'd like to see myself as a bridgehead for good relations with Egypt," the former battalion commander told The Post.

Security forces in the administered territories were reported to have been placed on full alert for the Sadat visit.

About 200 youths in Nablus demonstrated yesterday against the visit, which they described as an "act of treason" against the Arab nation.



Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir talks to James Wright, U.S. House majority leader.

'Arab recognition is main problem'

The basic problem in the Middle East is the refusal of Israel's Arab neighbours to recognize her existence, Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir told a visiting delegation of U.S. congressmen at an official luncheon in their honour at the Knesset yesterday. Although Israeli leaders forward to President Sadat's visit with great hope, the problem of recognition will continue

to exist after he leaves, Shamir said. The Democratic majority leader in the House of Representatives, James Wright, said the members of the delegation had reached Israel in an hour and 45 minutes instead of the 40 years taken by the Israelis, led by Moses. He hoped that the present opportunity for peace would lead to the fulfillment of the dream that had persisted for thousands of years.

They danced in Zion Square

DOZENS of Jerusalemites burst into spontaneous dancing in the capital's Zion Square yesterday when they heard the radio news announcing the timing of Sadat's visit. The rejoicing bottled up traffic, but even some traffic policemen joined the dance instead of moving them out of the streets.

VETERAN Jerusalem flagmaker Yitzhak Berman has already sold hundreds of Egyptian flags to storekeepers and tourists. For the first time since 1948, Jerusalem's streets will be decorated with flags of an Arab state.

THE EGGED BUS cooperative has offered Egyptian President Sadat and his entourage the use of two luxury buses during their stay in Jerusalem "as a contribution to the efforts to bring peace to the region."

THIRD GRADERS at the Nir elementary school in Kiryat Ono sent a telegram to the Prime Minister urging him to ask President Sadat if he would allow them to visit

the pyramids, since they have been learning about the history of ancient Egypt and the wanderings of the Israelites.

THE HEBREW University Students Association has called on the Cairo University Students Association to hold a joint meeting either in Jerusalem or on Abie Nathan's peace ship. Nathan last night broadcast this announcement from his offshore radio transmitting station.

THE SOCCER game that was to have been played in the YMCA stadium opposite Jerusalem's King David Hotel on Saturday has been cancelled so as not to interfere with security or quiet at the hotel.

DESPITE the short notice, the capital will be ready to receive Sadat, according to the Jerusalem municipal spokesman. Jewish and Arab city employees will work together hanging Egyptian flags at the entrance to the city and at major sites around town, he added last night.

Begin's letter to Sadat

His Excellency
Mr. Anwar Sadat
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt
Cairo
Dear Mr. President,
On behalf of the Government of Israel I have the honour to extend to you our cordial invitation to come to Jerusalem and to visit our country.
Your Excellency's readiness to undertake such a visit, as expressed to the People's Council of Egypt, has been noted here with deep and positive interest, as has your statement that you would wish to address the members of our parliament, the Knesset, and to meet with me.
If, as I hope, you will accept our invitation, arrangements will be made for you to address the Knesset from its rostrum. You will also, should you so desire, be enabled to meet with our various parliamentary groups, those supporting the government as well as those in opposition.
As to the date of the proposed visit, we shall be glad to meet with your convenience. It so happens that I am scheduled at the invitation of Prime Minister Callaghan to leave for London on Sunday, November 20, on an official visit to Great Britain. Should you advise me, Mr. President, that you would be ready to come to Jerusalem on Monday, November 21, I would ask Prime Minister Callaghan's indulgence and arrange to postpone my visit to Britain, so as to be able to receive you personally and to initiate together with you talks on the establishment of peace, for which, as we both know, the peoples of the Middle East yearn and pray.
Alternatively, should you decide to come here on Thursday, November 24, or thereafter, I would be back from London by Wednesday afternoon and greet you upon your arrival.
May I assure you, Mr. President, that the parliament, the Government and the people of Israel will receive you with respect and cordiality.
Yours sincerely,
Menachem Begin

King David Hotel in a flurry

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The management of King David Hotel in Jerusalem were still cloistered in their executive offices late last night planning the accommodation for what would be the hotel's most historic visit.

Within a quarter of an hour after being notified by the Prime Minister's Office that his hotel had been chosen as headquarters for the Egyptian President — at about seven o'clock last night — general manager Ilan Fink summoned his maître d'hôtel, chief room stewards, security officers and other senior aides. They sat for several hours discussing measures to be taken for the 24 or 48 hours during which they will be host to Mr. Sadat and his entourage.

Protocol and security were not the only subjects taken up as the King David prepared to welcome as a guest its first chief of state of a country at war with Israel.

Such mundane matters as menus were also discussed, and the chefs will be given more specific data by members of the Egyptian group scheduled to arrive in Israel this morning to pave the way for President Sadat's stay.

It appeared last night that all, or almost all, of the hotel's 245 rooms would be cleared of their guests by

the weekend. Ordinarily, the guests are "lent" to other Jerusalem hotels, under a reciprocal emergency accommodation agreement between hotels.

This time, however, a solution is not that easy, and the dispossessed guests may have to accept rooms in other Dan hotels — even in Herzliya, Tel Aviv or Haifa. "The Plaza and Hilton can't help us," a King David official told The Post. "In fact, they phoned us earlier in the day to ask if we have rooms for their overflow of news media people flying in en masse from all over the world."

But a management aide at the King David told The Post last night that "many" guests had voluntarily come into her office to say they would gladly offer their beds to President Sadat and his entourage to make them feel welcome in Jerusalem.

The Post interviewed several hotel employees — from bellhops and waiters to chambermaids and reception clerks. All were excited at the history-making visit they were anticipating. As is usual in such events, all hotel workers undergo several security screenings.

The streets surrounding the hotel will be closed to traffic during the Sadat visit, and heavy metal scaffolding now piled up in front of the building for repair work will probably be removed.

Israel abstains from M-E nuclear ban

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — General Assembly's main committee on a world ban on nuclear weapons in the Middle East, Israel abstained from voting. With Israel abstaining, 117-0 for a resolution that asked Secretary-General Waldheim to keep on working "possibilities for making progress towards a nuclear weapons ban in the Middle East." Israeli delegate Pinhas Eli he had abstained because the resolution did not call for negotiations that end.

Egyptian flags on way from U.S.

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
UNITED NATIONS. — Late Adil Amal was due to fly to Egypt last night with Egyptian flags of various symbols by the UN's protocol.

The flags were requested by Ambassador Chaim Herzog. He also asked protocol chief Churruca for the score of national anthem arranged military band.

Meanwhile, the PLO spokesman yesterday indicated plans over what amounts to recognition of Israel as a state over Jerusalem. But he short of explicit criticism.

"You should address that to President Sadat," said a militant observer Zehdi Latif when asked by an ABC int about the Jerusalem venue Egyptian leader's visit.

S. Lebanon wants annexation to Israel

TEL AVIV (Him). — The Co of the beleaguered south enclave have asked to be annexed to Israel. O/C Northern C. Raphael Eilan ("Rafal") said last night. Aluf Eitan told a military history at University that the 30,000 who have been cut off from body of Christians in north for two years by the PLO alliance fear re-inclusion Lebanese state. He reiterated Israel would not permit the to be overwhelmed.

Sadat comin

(Continued from page one)
declared that he could not "share responsibility for current circumstances."

He said who took part in talks with Israel in 1976, replace Fahmy. Sadat sub-named Dr. Butros Ghali minister of state for foreign as well as acting foreign. The latter is expected to accompany Sadat to Israel.

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Ismael Fahmy, who yesterday as Egypt's minister. (AP)

Assad reacted by maintaining "we are now in a different situation and it is his to say what effects (Sadat's visit) will have future picture."

The Egyptian leader that he viewed the trip as a "mistake," saying much of biological barriers between Israelis and the Arabs brought down.

"I want to address the I confront them with the then they can decide for it how they want to act." Sad Damascus news conference.

"I want to point out to the alternative to peace, horrible, both for us and also want to tell them, in house, that if they want in region, well here are the said."

(Sadat's second surprise Magazine, p. 5)

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His Wife, Becky Gottschalk
His Son, Michael Ganser Gottschalk
and his family

El Al approves posts for Hod and Ben-Ari
Post Aviation Reporter

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — The board of directors of El Al yesterday approved the appointments of Mordechai Hod as the new managing director and Mordechai Ben-Ari as the company's executive chairman.
Hod is a former commander of the Israel Air Force, and more recently established the CAL cargo airline. Ben-Ari, who first joined El Al in 1960, served as managing director for the past 10 years.
The change-over will take place on Sunday.

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Rabbi Asher Feuchtwanger ז"ל
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Heepedim will take place at Hagra Synagogue, Bayit Vegan at 5 p.m.
The Family

Pedestrian killed crossing road
TEL AVIV (Him). — Avshalom Meirov, 66, of Sde Hemed was killed on Wednesday when he was hit by a Dan bus while crossing Petah Tikva Road here.

Bomb dismantled
An explosive device was discovered on a Jaffa street about 7 a.m. yesterday and dismantled by a police bomb disposal expert, the Israel police spokesman said yesterday.
No one was hurt and there was no damage, the spokesman said.

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Goren will speak to aliya drop-outs
BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren left for Vienna yesterday morning on a Bonds-lecture mission, but intends to spend time going into the reasons for the drop-out phenomenon among potential Russian olim.

Rabbi Goren told reporters here before his departure that he will visit the immigrant hotel in Vienna, and may return to Israel via Rome, where there is a large "drop-out" community. He will tell potential olim who fell at the wayside because of fears over mixed marriage problems that these difficulties can be solved in Israel, and do not constitute a reason for not coming on aliya. (Him)

Israelis among top 10 for life insurance
Israel is one of the first 10 countries in the world in the amount of money spent on life insurance premiums relative to national income.

This was said by Ya'acov Cohen, chairman of the Israel Insurance Agents Association, at a dinner at the Jerusalem Hilton Wednesday night in honour of a delegation of 83 senior life insurance agents from the U.S. (Him)

THE SPOROTO record first prize of 12,500 will be divided between 78 persons who guessed correctly the results of last weekend's football pool. Each winner will get 12,500/78.

כלא מן האכל

Al \$499 round-trip U.S. from Tuesday

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AIRPORT. — will be able to fly by El Al to for a \$499 return fare, from Tuesday. The previous return group flight cost \$800, a company spokesman said. The fare is restricted, allowing only one stopover and seven nights.

The "holiday class" fare is in honor of Mordechai Ben-Ari, Sunday will assume his new executive chairman of El Al. The new cheap rate will be tested in a month period, until March.

day class" fares will be

offered on only 80 out of the 454 seats on the El Al jumbo. The fare will be available on three flights a week from New York: on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, and on two flights a week from Tel Aviv to New York, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Passengers paying the cheap rates will have "no-frills" flights — as on the trans-Atlantic Skytrain — and will have to pay for their meals, or take their own food with them.

For the time being El Al will continue to fly the normal complement of cabin attendants.

Other airlines flying from Israel to the U.S. are expected to introduce similar fare reductions.

ror threat said hurting Lufthansa

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

West German travel agents have reportedly registered a "drop" in flight bookings since last month's hijacking of a Lufthansa jet and threats by German officials to blow up three German planes in the air.

Agents say that bookings at the end of October, before the hijacking incident, were higher than at the same time last year. After Mogadishu they dropped off.

banat's management claims the cancellations are minimal, but the stock has slipped from 114 per share, within

Since the terrorist threats, the West German airline has adopted tough passenger and baggage checks. These include surveillance at foreign airports, by special German border police — which led to a temporary dispute with Algeria last week.

Lufthansa aircraft at German airports also now arbitrarily change their landing and take off angles and flight paths to avoid the danger of possible terrorist rocket attacks.

The West German travel industry says public fear of further terrorism could hit air bookings for next summer's holidays as advance ticket sales for the summer would normally take place in the next few months.

cision on black capital y be taken next week

Jerusalem Post Reporter

VIV. — A decision on "black" capital is expected to be taken by Prime Minister Menachem Begin soon, perhaps next week, according to a source close to the Prime Minister's office.

He said that immediately after the Prime Minister's visit to the U.S., legislation would be introduced to the Knesset, and the "black" capital would be defined and continued until March of the fiscal year.

that, we will crack down on "black" capital and those who possess it with all the resources of the state," he added.

In admitted that allowing "black" capital to continue to grow is exactly playing fair with tax evaders. But he promised very penny we collect as fines for tax evaders will be passed on to the form or another, to the

honest taxpayers.

The main purpose of the laundering exercise was to stop two "economic systems" from functioning side by side in Israel, with the "black" more profitable. It would also bring back black capital from abroad, Flomim claimed, and local and foreign black money could be used for constructive enterprises.

However, Flomim admitted that it would be hard to ensure honest tax collection in the future. Of the government's 800 inspectors in the field, 285 had quit in the last few months — many to set themselves up as private income-tax consultants.

Earlier in the day, Flomim told members of the Knesset that the government was looking for ways to shift workers from the services to industry. The government was studying a proposal to allow civil servants to take a two-year leave of absence, to work in industry for that period.



Jerusalem police sorting out the booty allegedly stolen by a 60-year-old postal employee in the capital's central parcel depot. The employee, Zvi Levkowitz, who lives in Jerusalem's Mea She'arim quarter, was remanded for 10 days by a magistrate yesterday. Police, who believe he stole jewelry, watches, bottles of champagne and cigars among other goods from packages he handled, are puzzled about how Levkowitz managed allegedly to steal the goods over a long period without being detected. They have appealed to persons who have lost goods in the mail to inform them.

Premier discusses Sadat trip with visiting leader Begin: U.S. Jewry's support vital

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Menachem Begin said yesterday that in light of the far-reaching impact of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem, Israel needs more backing from American Jewry than at any time in the State's history.

At a noon meeting with Yabuda Hellman, the executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the prime minister stated that he was aware of the historic significance of the coming visit, and that the eyes of the world will be on Jerusalem as never before. Begin asked Hellman to thank Rabbi Alexander Schneider, the chairman of the conference, for his support since the new government was formed and to continue to mobilize organized U.S. Jewry behind Israel.

Hellman told The Jerusalem Post after his discussions at the Prime Minister's Office that the Egyptian leader's visit would be a "media event" in which Begin and Sadat would have to "battle to make the best impression" before world TV viewers to gain support from world opinion. "I have confidence," said

Hellman, "that Begin will be a match for Sadat."

U.S. public opinion, Hellman added, is formed largely between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m. when the evening news programmes are aired and TV commentators explain the news.

According to the most recent polls, about 27 to 30 per cent of the American public are strong supporters of Israel and reasonably informed about the Middle East. Another seven per cent are strong supporters of the Arabs. The rest, asserted Hellman, are the "silent majority" who are either neutral on the issue or leaning slightly to Israel's position. This in-between majority are largely ignorant of the facts. Their opinion must be cultivated every day, he added.

Israel's information must come from a single source, maintained Hellman. Whether it is an information ministry, an adviser to the premier or the Foreign Ministry is up to Israel. An information effort by American Jewry must be independent and recognized as separate from Israeli propaganda.

"There is a new role for American Jewry," he continued. The grass roots can keep the pro-Israel consensus alive by constantly articulating support, by talking to friends and

writing letters to opinion-moulders and decision-makers — all the time explaining that support for Israel is good for America. Giving money is no longer enough, Hellman said. Prominent Jews whose names carry with them prestige and position — "like Milton Friedman, Arthur Goldberg and Henry Kissinger, to name a few" — should be encouraged to voice these sentiments as well.

President Jimmy Carter has not been trying to divide American Jewry and set up his "own" president's conference, Hellman said. "Carter is looking for Jews who agree with his Middle East policy of substantial withdrawals and will go anywhere to find them. He doesn't want to split them — only to convince them."

American Jewish businessmen are still in the dark about the implications of Israel's new economic policy. The Begin government must explain the NEP in real terms — how to invest and what they can gain by doing so. After this is done, Hellman concluded, a "Jewish Common Market" can be formed in order to facilitate investment in Israel and the purchase of blue-and-white goods.

Jewish refugees to press case

By MALKA RASINOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — With substantive Middle East peace talks looming, Jews from Arab countries are emerging from a quarter of a century of obscurity to claim a place on the international agenda.

Now in New York to press their case is Iraqi-born Mordechai Ben-Porat, co-chairman of the two-year-old World Organisation of Jews from Arab Countries (WOJAC).

"I am a Jewish refugee," says Ben-Porat, who as a public member of the Israeli UN delegation is due to speak in the General Assembly at the end of this month.

To drive home his point, Ben-Porat may choose the option of addressing the UN forum in his native Arabic. He immigrated to Israel in 1950.

Countering oft-cited Arab refugee claims, Ben-Porat points out that Jewish refugees from Arab countries outnumber Arab refugees who left in 1948.

Six hundred thousand Jews who

were forced to leave Arab countries settled in Israel, while 200,000 more are now in other countries.

In contrast, 890,000 Arabs left Israel with the establishment of the state.

Moreover, Jews left behind in Arab countries paid five times the value of that abandoned by Arabs in Israel, he said.

The eight countries of origin of the Jews in question are Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Egypt, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya. In 1948, they comprised 3 per cent of the Arab population.

A major recognition of their claims came in the working paper on the reconvening of the Geneva Conference, hammered out here by the U.S. and Israel last month.

Among other things, the paper calls for discussions of a solution to the problems of both Arab and Jewish refugees.

Rejecting the Arab portrayal of Jews as an "alien" element in the

Middle East, Ben-Porat points out that 1,200,000 Jews from Arab countries and their descendants live in Israel and that they constitute 41 per cent of its population.

Their credentials in the region ante-date those of the Arabs by a thousand years, Ben-Porat says. Large Jewish communities lived without interruption in the areas since the Assyrian and Babylonian exiles of the 7th and 6th centuries B.C.E.

Ben-Porat, who lost his Knesset seat when he broke away from Labour to run on his own list in the last elections, has long been closely associated with the views of Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan.

Although his nominal constituency would make it a potent political force, Ben-Porat says that the WOJAC takes no part in Israeli domestic politics. Its members are affiliated to all parties in the Israeli spectrum, excluding the Communists, he states.

Funeral service for Emanuel Antebi

The funeral of Dr. Emanuel Antebi, who died on Wednesday after a long illness, took place at the Mount of Olives Cemetery in Jerusalem yesterday.

Born in Kfar Tavor in 1912, he studied at Gymnasiums and subsequently received degrees in mathematics, physics and engineering at the University of Pisa.

Dr. Antebi worked for Youth Aliya and the Jewish Agency from 1943 until he retired prematurely in 1969.

He is survived by his wife Judy; sons Yoram, Amnon and Alon; three brothers and two sisters.

New envoy of Ecuador presents credentials

Ecuador's new ambassador to Israel, General Carlos Aguirre Asanza, presented his letters of credence to President Ephraim Katsir in Jerusalem yesterday. Among those at the ceremony was Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, who represented the government.

Man shot in IL300,000 robbery

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Three armed men held up a van belonging to the Dan cooperative early yesterday morning, and got away with nearly IL300,000 after wounding a Dan employee.

On its collection rounds from various bus station offices at 7:30 yesterday morning, the van drew up in the bus station in Ramat Aviv, near Tel Aviv University. At the same time, a car, variously described by eye-witnesses as either a Ford Escort or a Fiat, drove up, and two masked men, one carrying a pistol and the other an Uzi sub-machine

gun, jumped out. A third man stayed behind the wheel.

A number of shots were fired, and the Dan station manager was slightly wounded by a pistol shot in the leg. The robbers ordered the three-man van crew into the station office together with the station manager, loaded the money from the van into the getaway car and made off.

A Dan spokesman said the money, which was not insured, came from bus drivers' payments to a station manager for tickets to sell to passengers. The cooperative is investigating other ways of collecting the money.

Man held as Bankomat fraud suspect

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A 25-year-old Ramat Gan resident who was arrested here yesterday, allegedly with 15 Bankomat electronic credit cards and more than IL22,000 in his possession, may be the person the fraud squad has been seeking for several months for stealing dozens of Bankomat cards.

Police said that when they searched a man behaving in a suspicious manner near a Bank Leumi branch in Rehov Ben-Yehuda yesterday afternoon, they found 14 worn Bankomat cards and one card in good condition. The suspect also had IL32,000 in new banknotes which could have been drawn from

Bankomat consoles since the automatic money dispensers are normally stocked with new notes, police said.

For the past few months the fraud squad has been investigating complaints by businessmen and clerks that their credit cards had been stolen. The investigation seemed to indicate that the cards had been stolen in offices from handbags or briefcases while the clerks were not at their desks.

Sgan-Nitzov Moshe Sharf, head of the fraud squad, recently warned that Bankomat card thefts were increasing. He also charged that card-owners were being extremely careless by marking their secret credit number on the card itself.

Soccer match of the day postponed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Football Association, at the request of the Jerusalem Police, has postponed tomorrow's National League soccer game between Jerusalem Betar and league leader Maccabi Netanya.

This was to have been the match of the day, and all 10,000 seats were sold. The match was to have been played in the YMCA stadium, which is opposite the King David Hotel, where Egyptian President Sadat's party is staying.

Begin talks to Carter by phone

TEL AVIV. Prime Minister Menachem Begin had a 10-minute telephone conversation with U.S. President Jimmy Carter last night, thanking him for his help in arranging the meeting between himself and President Sadat, the army radio station reported.

According to the same report, the Prime Minister is weighing the possibility of formally inviting Jordan's King Hussein to Jerusalem.

The radio also said Begin had sent a message to Rumanian President Nicolai Ceausescu.

Old price, new price, any-one-will-do price

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Apparently prices can only go up — not down — in Israel, judging by what has happened to a number of items that should have become cheaper (or at least not much more expensive) as a result of reductions in customs duty and purchase taxes.

But the public, either because they don't know what the prices should be or just have too much money to spend, go on buying the items concerned. Buyers, for example, rushed to one Jerusalem music store that advertised records "at the old price" — apparently not realising that the new prices on records are 5-10 per cent lower.

A check carried out by this reporter revealed that while some cases should have become 10 per cent cheaper, their price has remained unchanged. Plastic baby bottles have also remained at the same price, although they should have gone down by 7 per cent. Cigarette lighters should have become 30 per cent cheaper — but are being sold as if nothing had happened to the taxes on them.

Cosmetics, furthermore, have been jacked up 30 per cent, even though some should have remained unchanged, the cheaper kinds should have gone down in price, and only a few should have been unchanged — then by 8.7 per cent. And these minor changes should have applied only to imported cosmetics. Domestic cosmetic products should have become even cheaper than the imports.

Another example of price rigidity in both directions is provided by clocks and watches. A pendulum

clock should have become 16 per cent cheaper, and a wristwatch 12 per cent more expensive. Both, however, are unchanged in price.

Kitchen furniture, in which a major component is the now-cheaper formica, has in at least one factory outlet been raised 20 per cent. And shops are asking 50 per cent more now for oak furniture than shortly before the economic reform.

There are, however, some exceptions. Phonograph records, whose prices remained unchanged immediately after the reform despite lower taxes, have now come down 5-10 per cent, both for imported and for domestically produced records. Photographic film has gone up by a reasonable 10 per cent.

The deputy director-general of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, Avraham Asheri, who is in charge of what is left of price controls, said in response to a query that none of the above products are subject to price control. Sellers can therefore charge what the market will bear.

Nevertheless, he said, when the ministry gets a provable complaint of unreasonable profits, suit is filed against the offender. The ministry also takes action against businesses for overcharging on price-controlled products.

Asheri said the ministry has so far brought suit against a few traders who overcharged on basic foodstuffs.

Among the price-controlled products on which price-changes have just been approved are Sypholux soda bottles (not the gas cylinders). These have been reduced by 15 per cent, and paint is up 6 per cent.

'New Outlook' session erupts over Israel raids on Lebanon

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. The plenum of the 15th international symposium of the Mapam-supported "New Outlook" magazine took up the Palestinian issue yesterday morning with remarkable tranquillity — until Prof. Alexander Minkowski of Paris labelled Israel's air force raids on Lebanon as "civilised terror," and the audience erupted.

It was Moshe Kol, the former tourism minister and leader of the Independent Liberals, who led the protests. "Who fired the Katyushas on Nahariya?" shouted Kol when Minkowski said that there were no terrorists in the Lebanese camps which were bombed. A few other members of the audience also shouted protests, but the eruption quickly faded out.

Nearly 200 delegates from abroad are among the 450 at the symposium.

The session, at the Pali Hotel here, was very predictable. Kol put forward the Israeli viewpoint. Former housing minister Mordechai Ben-Tov said that what was needed was some good will on both sides.

Dr. Hatem Abu Ghazaleh, a member of the Nahliel council, spoke about the hardships of the Israeli occupation. He cited land expropriation, and said that Israel had deliberately excluded any references to Palestinian history in the textbooks in West Bank schools.

Mohammed Watad, an Israeli Arab, said that he accepted that Israel should be a Jewish state, but insisted that there should also be a Palestine state as a place of refuge for the Palestinians. He said that if it could be possible for minorities to live in the other's state. In his belief, most Israeli Arabs would opt to remain in Israel, but at least they should be given the choice.

Ehrlich seeks funds in Paris for oil probe

Jerusalem Post Staff

Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich left yesterday for Paris, where he will try to encourage French investment in oil exploration in Israel. But he said on arrival that he would return to Israel early Saturday, to be in Jerusalem for the visit of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

Ehrlich was originally scheduled to stay four days and attend two festive banquets, one for Israeli hosts and the other a joint meeting of the Bonds organization and the United Israel Appeal.

Wilner predicts Sadat's speech

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — MK Meir Wilner of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality expects Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, in his address to the Knesset, "to say approximately what we say."

Speaking at a press conference yesterday, the Communist leader said that if Sadat presents peace proposals to the Knesset, "I shall move that the Knesset accept them."

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France hands him over to Germany before appeal can be heard Baader-Meinhof lawyer expelled

STUTTGART, West Germany (Reuters). — Klaus Croissant, former lawyer for the Baader-Meinhof urban terrorist group, was taken to Stuttgart's Stammheim prison yesterday after being expelled from France. He was extradited to West Germany where he is wanted on a charge of supporting a criminal organization, only hours after a Paris appeals court turned down his plea for political asylum.

The top-security prison to which he was taken — used to house hard-core Baader-Meinhof members — has been the centre of a scandal since three of the group's leaders were officially stated to have committed suicide there last month.

A spokesman for the Baden-Wuerttemberg state court here confirmed yesterday that Croissant, 46, was in Stammheim, but declined to give any further details of his detention.

The French justice ministry said in Paris that the lawyer was handed over to West German officials in Strasbourg, just across the Rhine from West Germany, early yesterday.

Croissant had been under investigation by the public prosecutor's office in Stuttgart on suspicion of supporting the Baader-

Meinhof gang when he jumped bail of 80,000 marks (about £15,000) and sought political asylum in France.

On Wednesday, after a long legal battle, an appeals court in Paris turned down his plea and recommended he be sent back to West Germany. Within a few hours he was handed over.

His French lawyers immediately protested against the speed with which the government carried out the extradition. They noted that they had appealed and that their appeal would normally have blocked any attempt to hand over Croissant to West Germany for some time.

They also charged that they had been prevented from seeing Croissant at Paris's Santé prison and had been molested by French police.

The Paris appeals court accepted one of two West German arrest warrants for Croissant, thus making it possible for the French government to order the extradition by decree.

The arrest warrant against Croissant specifically accused him of having used his position as a defence lawyer to pass messages between imprisoned members of the "Red Army Faction (RAF)," a name used by the Baader-Meinhof gang.

It accused him of having thereby enabled the RAF, despite the imprisonment of a substantial part of its membership, to maintain its organizational structure and continue its armed battle against the West German state.

Croissant had been detained in Germany for investigation on June 23. But he was then freed on bail by an examining magistrate on condition that he not leave the country. He subsequently fled to France.

A number of accused or alleged Baader-Meinhof terrorists had been associated with Croissant's office before going underground. They include those being sought in connection with the murders this year of West German federal attorney Siegfried Buback, banker Jürgen Ponto and business leader Hanns-Martin Schleyer.

On Tuesday night in Paris some 5,000 people had demonstrated in favour of Croissant, in defiance of a police ban, and militant lawyers scuffled with police guarding the law courts during the appeals court hearing.

Croissant's extradition took place only a few weeks after France pledged full support for Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's struggle against urban terrorists in West Germany.

Leftist rift hasn't helped Giscard

PARIS (AP). — Despite a leftist elite, France's centre-right majority has failed to pick up increased voter support, a new public opinion poll indicated yesterday.

The poll, commissioned by the conservative newspaper "Figaro," shows that President Giscard d'Estaing's parliamentary majority would remain at 47 per cent, where it has been since summer.

There has been a general assumption that bitter quarrels between Socialist and Communist Party leaders would rob the erstwhile leftist union of voter support, which would naturally flow to the centre-right majority.

The opinion poll showed that Francois Mitterrand's Socialist Party and his allied leftist radicals indeed lost ground, slumping from 31 per cent in September, when the quarrelling broke out, to 28 per cent in the latest poll. The Communist Party, with more discipline in its ranks, commanded a relatively even support, 20 per cent in September and 21 per cent in the latest poll.

An apparently unbridgeable gap opened in the ranks of the union of the left last September 27 when the Socialists and the leftist radicals flatly refused to endorse the Communist Party's bid to write a pledge for sweeping nationalizations of industry and banks into an updated version of the leftist programme.

Soviet economist defects to Sweden

STOCKHOLM (AP). — A Soviet economist who has been studying at a Finnish university has defected and is seeking refuge in Sweden, Swedish newspapers reported yesterday.

The economist, identified as Vladimir Zhurkov, had been on a Finnish scholarship at Helsinki University since last September and was scheduled to return to the Soviet Union next December 14. According to the newspaper report, he disappeared over the last weekend.

Hassan: Only Saudia and Morocco now finance PLO

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — King Hassan of Morocco said in an interview published here on Wednesday that his country was now alone with Saudi Arabia in financing the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Hassan told mass-circulation "France-Soleil" chief editor, Paul Winkler: "The PLO will tell you that since 1971 only Saudi Arabia and Morocco have continued to provide it with money. Libya no longer funds the PLO, nor does Algeria. So it is only our two countries which contribute, each according to its means."

Pleading for international recognition of the PLO, the Moroccan king said: "The more time we waste, the more bitter the PLO becomes and the more we strengthen the hand of the PLO's Arab enemies. For we

have to admit — and I know what I'm talking about — that the PLO is among the most reasonable of these people. But we have to allow it to shoulder its responsibilities."

Calling for a reconciliation between Israel and its Arab neighbours, Hassan said: "Imagine this part of the world with the material possibilities which the Arab countries now possess and with the specific genius of the people of Israel."

"Imagine what this region could become on the levels of intellect, science, art and economy. This is my dream and I hope that some day it will be fulfilled."

"For this is really how we shall recover the identity of the entire region in which all the religions based on a single God have their roots. It is not for nothing that the eastern Mediterranean was chosen for the Revelation."

Hints that Shcharansky will face treason trial in month

Washington Post News Service

MOSCOW. — Soviet authorities have told the family of imprisoned dissident Anatoly Shcharansky to have a lawyer ready to defend him at trial in about a month. Shcharansky reportedly faces a charge of treason, a capital crime.

The jailed man's mother, Ida Milgrom, 70, was told by authorities on Wednesday that "she may now look for a lawyer who could be necessary in a month," according to dissident sources. Mrs. Milgrom was interrogated for six hours.

The notification is another step toward a potentially spectacular show trial in which American diplomats and possibly journalists will be accused of recruiting dissidents for U.S. intelligence purposes. Shcharansky, a 29-year old

computer technician, was arrested on March 15 by the KGB after a "repentant" dissident had made allegations against him. He has been held virtually incommunicado in prison since then while the KGB has questioned perhaps as many as 40 Russians in an effort to build their case against him.

The notification also constitutes something of a rebuff to President Jimmy Carter, who has publicly and privately sought to persuade the Kremlin to release Shcharansky and several other major dissident figures from jail without trying them.

Shcharansky applied to emigrate to Israel in 1973, but was refused on the grounds that he knew state secrets. He then became a particularly resolute member of the unofficial group of human rights activists who were attempting to monitor Soviet performance with regard to human rights provisions of the 1975 Helsinki accord. The watchdog group made reports on some 20 examples of what it claimed were violations of the Helsinki guarantees. But since early this spring, the KGB has jailed, intimidated or deported most of the original members of the group.

According to dissident sources, Mrs. Milgrom refused to sign an undertaking not to divulge details of the interrogation. She told the authorities that her family had retained a French lawyer to defend her son.

"She was told it was impossible for a foreign lawyer to participate," said a source. "She was told to find a lawyer from the Moscow collegium of lawyers."



Former SS Lt. Col. Hubert Meyer addresses a brief news conference at a luxury hotel in London's Mayfair district yesterday, before being deported from Britain. Behind him an Anti-Nazi League demonstrator lifts a placard.

Meyer was brought from a police cell at Heathrow Airport to the news conference. He came to Britain to publicize a glossy picture book on the exploits of the Waffen SS and told the news conference he had not expected to be deported. British Home Secretary Merlyn Rees took the step following a public storm over an invitation to Meyer and two other former SS officers to promote the book. The other two men were denied entry to Britain.

On a Wednesday night television programme Meyer clashed with Conservative Member of Parliament Winston Churchill, grandson of Britain's wartime prime minister. Meyer claimed he and his comrades in the Waffen SS were unaware of the extermination of the Jews.

Churchill argued the Waffen SS was "directly implicated" in the mass extermination programme. Meyer said the book emphasises the Waffen SS as a fighting force distinct from the Allgemeine SS, which ran the death camps.

Heinrich Himmler controlled both the Allgemeine and the Waffen SS. The entire force was ruled at the Nuremberg trials to have been a criminal organisation. (AP wirephoto)

Israelis identify ex-Latvian as torturer of Jews in 1941

BALTIMORE (UPI). — Two Israeli men testified on Wednesday that Jewish Delavus, a native of Latvia who has lived in Baltimore since 1950, joined in the beating and murder of Jews in 1941.

Boris Tsevan, 63, a survivor of the Nazi torture of Jews in Riga, Latvia, said he remembers clearly his life as a slave labourer under the Germans during World War II and that he recognized Delavus as one of the police who tortured Jews.

Tsevan pointed to the 67-year-old Delavus, a bald, heavy-set man who retired from his job at a General Electric factory in 1973, and said he distinctly remembered how Delavus looked 36 years ago.

"He was partially bald then...the same as he is now," Tsevan said.

Jaahm Wagenheim testified that his mother, brother, sister and four uncles perished in the major actions in the Riga ghetto extermination. Pointing to the defendant, Wagenheim, 59, said he remembered seeing Delavus beating Jews at a police station where thousands were gathered after mass arrests.

"Delavus, that man, was mercilessly beating people at that time," he said. "I saw him beat my uncle, Aharon, on the face and head with his fists."

"He was covered with blood and knelt to the ground by Delavus. He (Aharon) was a strong man,"

Drop in coffee prices expected

LONDON (AP). — There were new indications here on Wednesday that much cheaper coffee is on the way to markets.

Signals of the lower price were seen in sharply falling American coffee imports, a slide in London coffee prices, and another decision on Wednesday by Central American producers to continue the suspension of sales so as to halt the price slide.

American imports of green coffee in 1977 are expected to fall by 5 million bags, or 25 per cent, to 15 million bags by the end of this year, coffee experts monitoring the U.S. market said.

London robusta coffee prices also have dropped sharply, losing five cents a pound in two days on January deliveries.

Life — and epidemics — may have come from outer space, say British scientists

LONDON (AP). — Life on earth could have come from outer space, and major epidemics like influenza and the plague may still be coming from there, two distinguished British scientists said yesterday.

Sir Fred Hoyle and Prof. Chandra Wickramasinghe put forward the view in a "New Scientist" weekly magazine.

"They believe the essential building blocks of life were not formed in the 'primeval soup' of primitive earth — the normally accepted theory — but in the core and tails of comets. About four million years ago, they suggest in the article, a comet could have crashed on earth, bringing the primitive organisms from which all life has evolved."

If the theory is right, the scientists say, it has "profound biological, medical and ecological implications. For if life did start that way, invasions of earth by fresh biological material from the debris of comets is likely still to be continuing."

Such an explanation, they suggest, could account for past epidemics and

plagues, which spread so quickly round the world at a time when travel was painfully slow. It would also mean fresh epidemics could come the same way.

Hoyle is a professor of Astronomy and Wickramasinghe is Professor of Applied Mathematics at Cardiff University.

"A continual microbiological vigil of the stratosphere may well be necessary to eliminate the havoc which will ensue from extraterrestrial invasions of the future," they warn.

They argue that the "primeval soup" theory depends on assumptions that have never been proved. They point to mounting evidence that the essential building blocks of life — amino acids and other molecules — are formed in large quantities throughout space.

The comet Kohoutek was found to contain important organic molecules. Dust tails to comets may well contain similar material, and meteorite remains on earth have been found to contain amino-acids and biological molecules, they say.

Bacteria able to survive on earth could have soft-landed here locked in an icy comet billions of years ago, they argue.

The sudden plagues that have irregularly swept the globe could be the result of fresh attempts at the evolution of life on comets, the scientists suggest. The material would reach the earth on clumps of debris from comets as the earth swings across their tails.

The scientists say the 1918-1919 influenza epidemic that killed an estimated 30 million people might have arrived this way, as might other plagues stretching back into history.

The way these have affected widely separated parts of the earth in days or weeks could be explained if they came from outer space. The two scientists say this is a better explanation than the spread from man to man, or by way of animals, in the days before air travel.

"Further major epidemics of disease could be caused when the earth crosses the debris of new long-period comets," they contend.

Greeks deny pact with Tito planned

ATHENS (AP). — The Greek government yesterday described press reports of an impending Greek-Yugoslav defence accord as baseless and inaccurate. The announcement said the two neighbouring countries have "excellent relations and within this framework there are exchange visits of military delegations."

The reports said that Greece and Yugoslavia were formulating a secret military pact with the tacit approval of Nato, presumably to prepare for the day Yugoslav President Tito dies, and in the event of a threat from the Soviet Union.

Greek and Yugoslav military leaders have exchanged visits to Athens and Belgrade earlier this year. An official call was also made to Belgrade by Greek Defence Minister Evangelos Averof-Tostas.

SECRETARY. — The Los Angeles City Council has turned down a request to name a street after Polish revolutionary war hero General Thaddeus Kosciuszko. It was too long and too difficult to pronounce, the council decided.

PLOTOERS. — Lao authorities have executed four people found guilty of trying to assassinate Prime Minister Kaysone Phomvihane, the "Bangkok Post" said Wednesday, quoting travellers arriving here from Vientiane.

Shah forecasts Opec will freeze oil prices

PARIS. — The Shah of Iran arrived here yesterday after a 10-day stay in the U.S., where he predicted that oil-producing countries will agree at a December 20 meeting in Caracas to freeze prices.

He said on his departure from Washington that President Jimmy Carter's argument that an oil price increase would disrupt world economic stability had convinced him that Iran should play a more active role in holding down prices.

French police intensified security for the Shah's two days here — during which he and President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing will discuss possible new French industrial contracts with Iran — in order to avoid a repetition of incidents like those in Washington on Tuesday. At that time, supporters and opponents of the Shah clashed outside the White House.

The Union of Iranian Students in France has protested against the Shah's visit. Leaflets in underground railway stations described him as "the chief of state terrorism in Iran" and accused him of being responsible for jailing 100,000 political prisoners.

Iran once led the call for higher oil prices and, before the Shah's visit to Washington, had said it would re-

main neutral when the price discussed at the Organizing Petroleum Exporting Countries meeting in Caracas.

But the Shah hit a new nerve before leaving. He said for Paris that after review of world economic situation, Carter, he would try "to get Americans a break." He said the main oil producers such as Saudi Arabia agreed down prices, "I don't think (OPEC) members could for much different policies." "I don't think I wouldn't oppose a freeze for the entire year."

A White House statement Carter had assured the Shah Iran's security was of the priority to the U.S. But it did whether Carter made any p on Iran's request for no arms, including 140 F-16 fighters.

White House press secretary Powell said no decision on sales would be made with such Congress.

Congressional leaders pressed alarm at the extent military sales to Iran — estimated since 1972 — and have for a ban on further deals. (UPI, AP)

Iranian students on rampage during Shah's absence abroad

TEHRAN (AP). — Five hundred students chanting "Iran — separation from the West" attacked a Tehran University dormitory on Wednesday, broke windows and damaged buses in the second day of demonstrations during the visit to Washington of the Shah of Iran, the government news agency reported yesterday.

Authorities here said groups of Islamic Marxist also staged demonstrations, breaking bank windows in downtown Tehran and demanding the release of 19 persons

jailed on charges of murky religious leader.

Students at Aryamehr University smashed bank windows in a demonstration on Tuesday authorities said.

The Shah's arrival in Washington was marred by a battle on White House grounds between groups sporting him as an benefactor and students him of brutal repression, security officials claim.

Protests in the city of Washington were organized by foreign power, but did not id

Scottish home-rule motion passes

LONDON (AP). — Prime Minister James Callaghan's Labour government won a vote of confidence in the House of Commons for a motion to speed passage of its bill to give Scotland limited home rule.

The vote was the last major hurdle for the government in its controversial bid to provide an elected assembly for Scotland, ending 270 years of rule from London.

Political commentators said the bill will now reach the statute book by next summer. There will also be a referendum of Scotland's population of about five million.

A threatened revolt by English Labourite legislators opposed to the bill collapsed under pressure from party whips and the government won by a vote of 312-224.

Temper flare in UK firemen's strike

LONDON (AP). — Tension and destruction mounted yesterday in Britain's four-day old firemen's strike as militants tried to prevent hastily-trained soldiers from fighting blazes.

The Home Office reported 12 fire-related deaths so far, including five children in Northern Ireland, but said none could be blamed on the walk-out.

Temper flared during a London power station blaze on Wednesday when non-striking officers commandeered a team engine from a nearby firehouse. The strikers seized it back, but troops later moved in and drove it away.

Other strikers picketed some of the army's emergency fire stations to stop senior fire officers, who are acting as advisers to the soldiers, from going inside.

A team of part-time reserve firemen was selected to appear when answering an emergency call. Militants also sabotaged some of their own trucks on Wednesday and jammed fire station doors to prevent troops from taking the equipment.

Afghan minister slain

RAWALPINDI (UPI). — Ali Ahmad Khattam, Afghanistan's Planning Minister, was assassinated in Kabul on Wednesday night, Radio Pakistan said yesterday.

The radio, quoting Radio Kabul, said the assassin was injured in an exchange of fire with police. The radio report said he was arrested later, but gave no other details.

Helms in business for Iran investor

WASHINGTON (UPI). — CIA director and ambassador Richard Helms has opened national consulting firm seek to develop business ties in the U.S. for Iran. "It might be a go-between representing Iranian intent would want to do something country," Helms, 64, of Washington Post, yesterday Helms was fined \$2,000 as two-year suspended sentence November 4th after pleading test to charges that he testified fully and accurately, appeared before a Senate committee which was considering his appointment as Ambassador to Iran.

During the committee Helms was questioned about involvement in the overthrow of Chilean president Allende.

Helms resigned from his ambassador at the end of

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Martin Buber Centenary Conference in Israel

An international conference on the work and thought of Martin Buber will take place from January 3-6, 1978, in Beersheba, Israel, at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

The conference is to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Martin Buber.

The main subjects of the conference are:

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viewing the historical connections between Egypt and Israel since the days of Amenemhet II

Nearly 40 centuries of ties

By SOLOMON STECKOLL / Special to The Jerusalem Post

President Sadat comes to us, his visit will be another, the most dramatic event in the history of relations between Egypt and Israel.

First contact between the two peoples took place 3,800 years ago in the Taurus mountains, where the migrating tribes were then living. The soldiers of Pharaoh Amenemhet II conquered all of Asia.

Between the two peoples, closer as the Semitic tribes of southward, to Canaan and the Pharaohs became a "hordes from the north" — as — became so great that the Pharaohs of Egypt in 1730 B.C.

Lykos, a loose federation of tribes including the Hyksos, were destined to rule in 1500 years before they were overthrown by a revolt against the Hyksos. It was during the period that Joseph emerged as a Pharaoh, becoming "Prime Minister" to the Pharaoh of the time, Pharaoh Amenemhet II, that of all the periods in the history of Israel and Egypt, the one which has remained most deeply in the Jewish folk-mind followed immediately the liberation of Egypt from the Hyksos, and the Pharaohs of Egypt ended in the mass exodus led by Moses.

At a time when the Hyksos were at the peak of their power, the Hyksos were wandering in the Sinai, that the Hyksos dominated the entire land, following the Pharaoh Pharaoh Thutmose III, at a battle fought and won by the Hyksos, led the people of Israel to the Promised Land.

It was in the first phase of the Hyksos as a nation was by the presence of Egypt.

tion military garrisons in the country. A vivid account of the relations between the two peoples then, the 18th century BCE, is given in the Tell-el-Amarna tablets, written by Egyptian military governors and commanders, to their Pharaohs, from Gezer, Jerusalem, Lachish and elsewhere.

It was at this time that the Hyksos, the Hyksos, under the Pharaoh Amenemhet IV to ask for military aid. The Egyptian ruler not only signed a military pact with Israel, but was apparently influenced by the delegation's references to their one, invisible God, that Pharaoh abolished all Egyptian deities and adopted monotheism himself, changing his own name to Akhnaton.

This religious revolution in Egypt, the so-called "heretic period," resulted in a drastic weakening of the Egyptian army, and the consequent waning of their influence in Israel, under the Pharaohs and on to the occupation of Egypt in 640 B.C. This was during the rule of Tutankhamun, the young Pharaoh destined to be kidnapped by priests of Ammon who crowned him Pharaoh at Thebes. He was murdered at the age of 18.

The next dynasty, the 19th, marked renewed Egyptian influence in the Near East and once more many Egyptian garrisons were stationed in Israel cities. The rise of the united kingdom of Israel and Judah resulted, however, in an *entente cordiale* between the two countries during the reigns of David and Solomon.

The Bible tells us that Solomon made a (presumably) dynastic marriage with Pharaoh's daughter, receiving Gezer as part of the dowry. Their ties remained friendly, even after the death of Solomon, except for

isolated incidents such as raids into Israel by Egyptian soldiers under Shishak.

Strong Egyptian support was given to Israel during her struggle against Assyria, by Pharaoh Sennacherib (722-705 BCE) and again by Hophra in the sixth century BCE. This grand alliance was a little availed, however, because of the overwhelming might of the invading armies from the north.

The Egyptian help to Israel was far from being a one-sided affair. While the Egyptians gave active military assistance to the Kingdom of Judah against Assyria, Jewish soldiers under independent Israeli command, were dispatched to Egypt, to help Israel's ally, the Land of the Nile, fight terrorist attacks from beyond Egypt's southern frontiers.

These Israeli soldiers, who began serving the Egyptians under Pharaoh Psammetichus I in 640 BCE, established a unique colony at Elephantine, where they maintained a rich Jewish cultural life during the more than 300 years they were there. This is richly evidenced by the many documents in Hebrew and Aramaic discovered there.

The Elephantine papyri vividly depict the strong nationalistic and spiritual feelings of the Judean soldiers posted there as an expeditionary force to aid the allied Egyptian governments.

The conquest of Egypt by Alexander the Great in 332 BCE put a lend to the Israeli military expeditionary force, but at the same time resulted in a rapid increase of Jewish influence in Egypt. The civil emancipation of the Jews by Ptolemy II (283-246 BCE) led to large-scale immigration of Jews who rapidly became leading farmers, tradesmen, government officials

and high army officers. Numerous synagogues were built throughout the country, and Greek began replacing Hebrew and Aramaic as the Jewish vernaculars. This in turn led to the first Greek translation of the Bible, the Septuagint.

A century later, in 154 BCE, a Jewish temple was built at Leontopolis and consecrated by the High Priest Onias who had been exiled in a priestly post in the Jerusalem Temple. The building of this temple in Egypt brought about a tremendous surge of Messianism among Jews everywhere in Egypt, to Eretz Israel, in Rome and in Armenia. This was because of the eschatological interpretation of Isaiah 49:19-20, now believed fulfilled by this temple. "In that day there shall be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the Land of Egypt... and it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord... and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them."

However, towards the end of the Greek Ptolemy Dynasty, relations between the Jews and Greeks in Alexandria deteriorated, coming to a head with violent anti-Jewish pogroms as soon as the Romans took over the country. The Romans supported the Greeks and took oppressive measures against the Jews. Roman troops actively helped the Greeks in their anti-Jewish pogroms, first under Augustus in 30 BCE and culminating with joint Greek-Roman violence in the "Great Pogrom" of 38 CE during the reign of Caligula.

As a result of this persecution, the Jews closed their ranks and finally, in 66 CE, launched a large-scale revolt against their Roman and Greek oppressors. This coincided with the preparations being made by the Jews in Judea for their own fight

for freedom.

One of the darkest periods in the history of Egyptian Jewry followed the crushing of this revolt. Three years after the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple, the Romans prohibited prayers in the Leontopolis Temple, at the same time introducing harsh taxation laws against the Jews.

These events resulted in the Egyptian Jews staging yet another massive revolt against the Romans in 115 CE. This was crushed by Marcus Rutilius Lupus only after two years of heavy fighting, in the course of which most of the city of Alexandria was destroyed.

Persecution continued during the Byzantine period, but the tide of fortune for the very large Jewish community of Egypt turned again after Ahmad ibn Tulun's Islamic conquest in the 9th century. The Jews again prospered and their influence was considerable. There was increased Jewish immigration and a spirit was given to Jewish learning which had been almost negligible since Philo in the 1st century CE.

The pendulum of fortune continued to swing with brief periods of persecution, for example during the reign of the mad Caliph Hakim in the 11th century but on the whole the position of the Jews was good, and even improved after the Ottoman Empire established itself in Egypt in 1517.

However, Jewish prosperity began to decline with the gradual stagnation of the Ottoman Empire. It was only after the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869 that economic conditions began to improve and Jewish settlement in Egypt was renewed.

Jews began once more to play an active role in Egyptian life. Some participated in the Egyptian Liberation Movement first against the Turks and then against the British, while others served as members of the Egyptian Parliament, Senate and Government. As recently as 1928 there was a Jewish Cabinet Minister in Egypt: Joseph Cattavi who was Minister of Finance and Communications.

OLD BOYS' CLUB

TELEVIEW / Philip Gillon

VERY interesting of Israel on to bring us complete of the momentous Knesset on Tuesday afternoon. And what a memorable it was, with speaker after getting up to say what a nice ar Sadat must be, to want to 120 of them! And what an er guy Menachem Begin is, to likely that he would get out carpet for the Egyptian

power.

Anyway, there were Yigal and Yigal and Moshe and Dvora and Elzer and Meir all chatting away like a bunch of old boys, while Menachem played the role of Mr. Chips or the Duke of Omnium at the reunion. I realized how all these men have grown up together during the four decades, all of them participating with great heroism in what Yigal called the Thirty Years War, but what is really much longer than that. The divisions between them, are only skin deep, and are only engaged in for the fun of the thing; when the crunch comes, they really get together.

Except, of course, for bad boys Meir Wilner and Tsvi Toubi, neither of whom is entitled to sport

an Old Boys' tie. Still, every school has to have its outsiders. If only to bring the goodies together: Tom Brown and East and Arthur would be all at sea, if there were no Bully Flashman. Mr. Chips had to warn the naughty lads that he doesn't mind their misconduct now, but they had better mind their p's and q's when our honoured guest arrives.

As for our honoured guest, there can be no doubt that he is a great man, a very great man, even if he doesn't convince the Knesset that Israel should withdraw from all the territories and recognize the existence of the Palestinian Arabs. His move was so dramatic and so courageous that I can think of no precedent, although the PLO will no doubt drum up the ghost of Neville Chamberlain.

When Sadat's interview with Wilner was telecast over Jordan TV, the reception, for some reason, was appalling with considerable electrical interference. Over Israel, however, he came over clean and clear, and was immensely impressive.

MIR WILNER acted the role of the bad boy in the Knesset, the fly in the ointment, the wicked fairy god-mother at the birthday party.

But however badly he behaves, Israel Television had no right to censure him from "Behind the Headlines" in clear breach of the Broadcasting Law. TV Director Arnon Zuckerman's excuse that they had a programme billed about 60 years of the Russian Revolution so "The Third Hour" was as feeble as his remark to a colleague of mine that he doesn't have to account to the press was detestable. What nerve to think that he need not account humbly and in full to the free press!

I find myself this week in the happy position of being in complete agreement with the writer of a Post editorial who warned of the dangers of introducing censorship of television.

question of the objectives of the educational process. Should we bring up children from early infancy to understand the world as it is, and to know mankind, as Swift put it, to be "the most pernicious race of little odious vermin that nature ever suffered to crawl upon the surface of the earth?" Or should we fill them with illusions about their fellows that will suffer shock upon shock as they journey through life? I don't know the answer.



Rudy Jordache (Peter Strauss) (AP Wirephoto)

took me some time to realize that the film was very amusing indeed, and that writer Dan Almagor had hit on a good idea. Now that we know Mr. Flumin was misleading us, we can look forward to enjoying the series in its own right.

Incidentally, to establish my protest against the censorship of Mr. Wilner, I studiously refrained from watching "The Third Hour," which was offered to us as the alternative to a firsthand report by Wilner from Moscow. My boycott of the programme does not prevent my voicing the opinion that we surely do not need a three-hour show to convince us that the October Revolution

IF MR. FLUMIN or anybody else wants to object to a children's programme, I think the film shown the other evening, especially for children, Hans Christian Andersen's *The Little Match Girl*, should surely have been censored. This was all about a poor little Victorian lass trying to sell her matches on Christmas Eve, and ultimately dying of exposure in the snow, whereupon she was carried off to heaven by angels disguised as elderly women.

Why this was ever shown to nice Jewish children is beyond my comprehension, unless the intention was to prove that Christians are every bit as cruel as anyone else. If this was the disabiotic objective, it was hidden with such subtlety that it was lost.

As against this, full marks go to the youngsters who went behind the scenes of Medrano's Circus. Having been privileged recently to attend this circus as a spectator, I found the interviews with the performers and their childrens enthralling.

KILLING OFF Rudy Jordache was the most malicious act of petty vengeance committed by any writer since Conan Doyle had Moriarty throw Sherlock Holmes over the falls. Just as Rudy had Estrep fixed, Folcetti under the gun, and his two women agreeing amicably to a bigamous triple relationship, Rudy turned his back on Folcetti. Absurd.

The best comment was made in the sequel provided by the cartoonist on Yaron London's show, who brought Rudy back to life in Israel. Another Old Boys' group, members of which know each other only by first names, are these people who appear on London's programme. They all know each other, so Yaron is spared from introducing them. As for us strangers who don't know his people, who cares about us?

Equally good on that programme was the civil servant who explained blandly how Mr. and Mrs. Begin ate out an existence on his salary.

Although Rudy has gone, we still maintain our interest in Washington politics through Ehrlichman's Friday night show. A favourite parlour game now being played is identifying his characters, so I got a team to prepare a guide to the perplexed. It came up with Jason Roberts — Nixon; Curry — Kennedy; Anderson — Johnson; Frank — Haldeman; Adam — Dean; Hank — Ziegler; Roger — Krogh; Carl — Kissinger; C.I.A. Martin — Holms; FBI guy — Hoover; old chap handling dough — Siana; Attorney General — Mitchell; capitalist with a past — Rehbozo; the burglars — the burglars. Ehrlichman just wasn't there at all, at all.

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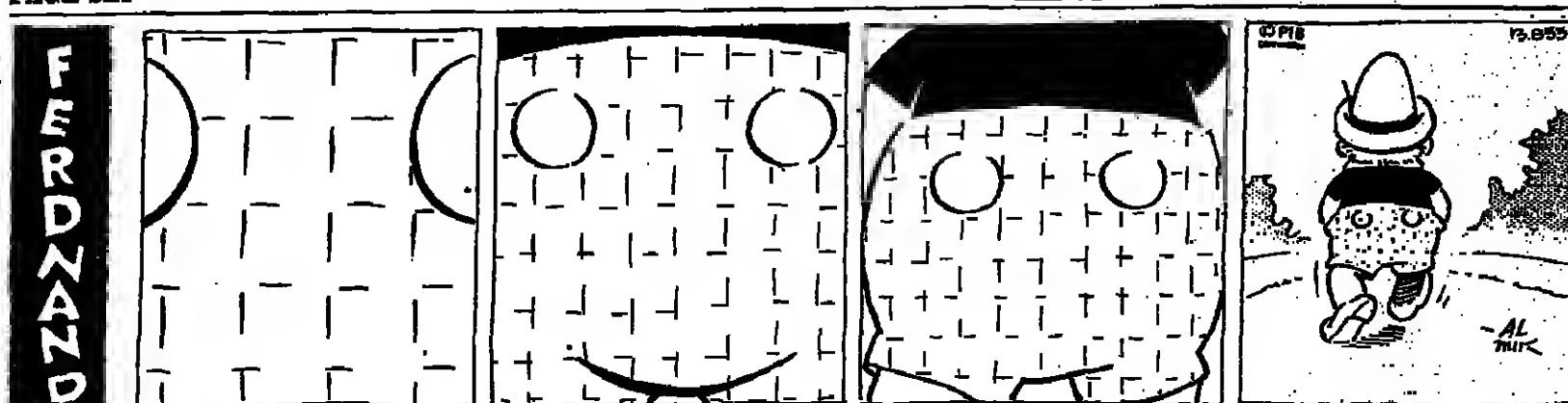
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Celebration in Jerusalem the day after the November 23, 1947 vote in the UN General Assembly for the partition of Palestine. (Rubinger)

Planning our 30th birthday

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TWENTY anniversary celebrations of Israel's independence will open officially on its next month and end in October with a "Peace March" to the Western Wall in Jerusalem by a Jewish "pilgrimage" from the Diaspora communities. The government has no intention of joining the people how to celebrate, asserted Yitzhak Rager, executive director of 30th anniversary, in a recent interview with the Jerusalem Post. Reports of celebrations committees had to approve a "national" that would be eaten and a costume that would be worn on May 11 — Independence — were "twisted by the press," he said. He conceded, however, that one idea was to hold a "national" among housewives to an appropriate recipe. The government will spend on the occasion about half, in real terms, what it spent on the 25th anniversary, he said. He expects to figure up to the end of the year (March 31, 1978) to total an additional \$100m. or to be expended through October. Many of the events being coordinated by Rager's office are still nebulous, even though Independence Day is just about six months away. Art and archaeological exhibitions, assemblies of youth movements and orchestras and a rabbinical convention are either still under discussion or their date has not been set. Many events are either an annual tradition on Independence Day and need no new plans, or have no connection with the 30th anniversary but had

been scheduled previously. The opening event on Hanukkah will be an exhibition in the capital's Binyan Ha'oma by architect Yisrael Gudiovich called "Struggle for Life," which will depict Israel's external pressures and internal struggles. Citizens have been invited to send color photographs of "things they love in Israel" to Rager's committee in the Prime Minister's Office, which will be turned into an exhibit and then sent around the world. The celebrations will close during Succot, 1978, when Diaspora communities from the free world will send "official pilgrims" — from one to 1,000 — to Israel, with organizations or the individuals themselves paying expenses. The pilgrims will be asked to bring along flower bouquets and a ram's horn. Joined by participants in the annual Jerusalem March, the pilgrims will parade to the Western Wall and blow their horns. The idea, initiated by Rager (a former consul in New York and secretary and public relations officer of the Israel Broadcasting Authority) and approved by the celebrations committee. Most plans to bring world-renowned entertainers and musicians to Israel have not yet been finalized. One of the few ideas that have been agreed upon by the Jerusalem Municipality is to sandblast some public buildings and ask house committees in private apartment buildings to do so as well, in order to clean up the face of the capital.

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who would have made a take-out double over our heart, saw his four diamonds, was disappointed, and passed. North, holding only two diamonds, was compelled to bid the suit next in line — one spade. Even with a much weaker hand he dared not pass what might possibly be only a four card suit in South's hand. The spade bid of course interfered with action by East, so he too passed. South with a singleton spade, could not pass, bid one no trump (which would have meant a balanced hand). He had no choice but to bid two hearts. Since South avoided one no trump, North knew that South had to have a singleton or void. Nor could South, by his original bid, hold four clubs; he then would have opened one club.

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NOVELIST Arthur Koestler joined the Communist Party in 1931 and left it seven years later utterly disillusioned. Today, at the age of 71, he is regarded — though he declines the honour, as the intellectual grandfather of what is called the New Philosophy in France, a movement headed by brilliant young intellectuals, most of whose names, incidentally, indicate that they are Jewish. The central idea behind their philosophy is that these disillusioned and disenchantment with Karl Marx and Marxism.

Koestler wrote a book in 1950, "The God That Failed," which was long enough ago for a new generation to grow up, thus qualifying Koestler to be the "grandfather," and not merely the father, of the New Philosophy. (The book's title refers to Karl Marx.)

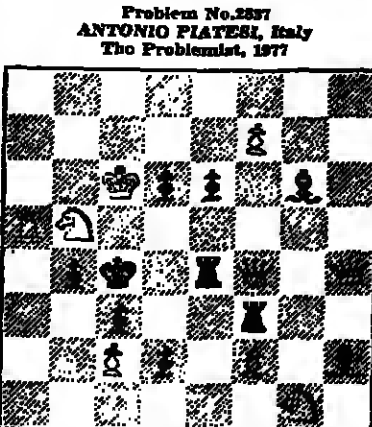
Koestler wrote in "The God That Failed" of his disenchantment with Marxism after seven years in the following words:

"I served (the Communist Party) the same length of time as Jacob tended Lohan's sheep to win Rachel his daughter. When the time was up,

the bride was led into his dark tent; the next morning did he discover that his ardours had been spent not on the lovely Rachel, but on the ugly Leah. I wonder whether he ever recovered from the shock of having slept with an illusion."

To any critic objecting to the Bible and its homiletical interpretation being pressed into the service of political philosophy, one may reply: "The Messiah of Ha-Derech, which can be paraphrased by saying, 'One must not be too pedantic when one deals with the homiletical application of Biblical passages to contemporary or topical events.' For the fact is that if Leah's beauty did not match that of her sister Rachel, she was far from 'ugly.' Scripture records that her eyes were tender. As I pointed out in the column I contributed to this portion last year, that although it would appear from a literal reading of the Biblical record that Jacob was so 'serous dumm' when he discovered the substitution and the deception, that he did not say a word to her, he 'recovered from the shock' sufficiently to have no less than six sons by his 'illusion' — and one daughter.

CHESS/Eliahu Shahaf



Problem No. 287
ANTONIO PIAZZI, Italy
The Problemist, 1977

White mates in three (3d)
SOLUTIONS: Problem No. 285 (Krabbe). 1.Rh5!; 1.Bd3! Rf2!; 1.d3! Bb5!

GETTING INTO SHAPE
Preparatory for his match with Victor Korchnoi, former world champion Boris Spassky played a training match with the Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman. Out of six games, Spassky won two and drew four.

J. TIMMAN
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g5 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nc6 5.Ne4 Bg7 6.Bg1 7.Bc4 8.Nb5 9.Nd3 10.Ng5 11.Nf4 12.Qd2 13.Ng3 14.Nh5 15.Nf4 16.Ng3 17.Qh2 18.Nf4 19.Ng3 20.Nh5 21.Nf4 22.Ng3 23.Nh5 24.Nf4 25.Ng3 26.Nh5 27.Nf4 28.Ng3 29.Nh5 30.Nf4 31.Ng3 32.Nh5 33.Nf4 34.Ng3 35.Nh5 36.Nf4 37.Ng3 38.Nh5 39.Nf4 40.Ng3 41.Nh5 42.Nf4 43.Ng3 44.Nh5 45.Nf4 46.Ng3 47.Nh5 48.Nf4 49.Ng3 50.Nh5 51.Nf4 52.Ng3 53.Nh5 54.Nf4 55.Ng3 56.Nh5 57.Nf4 58.Ng3 59.Nh5 60.Nf4 61.Ng3 62.Nh5 63.Nf4 64.Ng3 65.Nh5 66.Nf4 67.Ng3 68.Nh5 69.Nf4 70.Ng3 71.Nh5 72.Nf4 73.Ng3 74.Nh5 75.Nf4 76.Ng3 77.Nh5 78.Nf4 79.Ng3 80.Nh5 81.Nf4 82.Ng3 83.Nh5 84.Nf4 85.Ng3 86.Nh5 87.Nf4 88.Ng3 89.Nh5 90.Nf4 91.Ng3 92.Nh5 93.Nf4 94.Ng3 95.Nh5 96.Nf4 97.Ng3 98.Nh5 99.Nf4 100.Ng3 101.Nh5 102.Nf4 103.Ng3 104.Nh5 105.Nf4 106.Ng3 107.Nh5 108.Nf4 109.Ng3 110.Nh5 111.Nf4 112.Ng3 113.Nh5 114.Nf4 115.Ng3 116.Nh5 117.Nf4 118.Ng3 119.Nh5 120.Nf4 121.Ng3 122.Nh5 123.Nf4 124.Ng3 125.Nh5 126.Nf4 127.Ng3 128.Nh5 129.Nf4 130.Ng3 131.Nh5 132.Nf4 133.Ng3 134.Nh5 135.Nf4 136.Ng3 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GENERAL

Announcements

* Tel Aviv Municipality Centre for dealing with urgent nuisances 24 hours a day. Tel. (no charge) 100.

Business Offers

* New 12-metre freezer container, 12,000 lbs. in weight, roadworthy, the other for spare parts. 04-232922.

* For investment/sale/rent: restaurant and banquet hall, parking. 802927.

* For sale: Cigarettes and candy wholesale outlet. Tel Aviv dist. 440442, between 18.00-21.00.

* Bar-restaurant, near Roshayim, for sale. 04-232922.

* Invest your money! An assistant partner (50,000-150,000) in a profitable project for students' study-books, reputed academic publications, framework. For details: 08-445376.

* For businessmen! Plans device for prevention of international and inter-city dialling. 06-236044.

* For carpenter. Dik-Abrecht, 100m. + drill press in good condition. 067-42070.

* Centre Rishon LeZion, successful store for women's clothing + equipment and merchandise. Safe investment. 823278.

* Chinese and Thai kitchen and excellent business meals in the city. Mid-day and evenings in Marine Chinese.

* Ramat Aviv, Tel. for nursery, appliances for doctor, offices. 414455.

* Milk bar for sale in central bus station in Petah Tikva. High reputation and modern equipment. 09-247348.

* Owner of 50sq.m. location + commercial car seeks serious proposals for partnership. 823278.

* Shorty an agent with vehicle will be free to food branch, good connections in central area. 987479.

* Restaurant for rent + complete and modern equipment. Possible to sell equipment only. 812105.

* Established workshop for sale for aluminium work. "Trie-Net", 64 Roshayim, Hadara. 068-24444.

* Institute for hair removal (filiform), for sale, established and organized. 780072.

* Contests of barber shop for sale, modern equipment. 261074, evenings 428424.

* For serious!!! Central Givatayim, large and successful mini-market. Tel. 789977, Shabbat. 063-32965.

* Young dynamic + store + phone + commercial vehicle. Open to proposals. 30476.

* Workers' cafe in Yafa, cats in Bat Yam on ocean front. 806868, not Shabbat.

* Key money, opportunity, workshop + equipment, in Bloominfield. 03-232444, evenings. 989644.

* For sale, mechanical workshop at Lishon, Tel. 07-207306, 15.00-18.00.

* Gad Roba Builders Ltd. offers for sale plot for building, 1000 sq. m. in Givat Ram, 173 Ditzengoff, Tel Aviv. 226744, 237228.

* Safeguard your stock investment with bank guarantee. Best Bank, 111 Alonim, Tel Aviv. 03-232444.

* Partner for insurance agent, underwritten investment of over 1/2 million. P.O.B. 1100 Lamed, Tel Aviv.

* Monthly rental, stores and service station for bus station, Tel Aviv. Write 24 Ditzengoff, Tel Aviv. 226744, 237228.

* Academic + investor interested in partnership in the country. 03-232444, P.O.B. 4516, Tel Aviv.

* For sale, condiment in central Givatayim, 50sq.m. Possible for other purposes. Tel. 03-207306, 15.00-18.00.

* Automatic vending machine for hot drinks, 3 choices: coffee, tea, hot chocolate, soup. For sale or rent. 03-232444.

* Responsible and dedicated man with tender and phone interested in joint work and possibility of investment. 03-70776.

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THE NEGEV IMAGE

SOUTHERN EXPOSURE/Zvi Arenstein

WRITING from the Negev is different than writing from anywhere else in the country. It's a desert. And living in a desert is simply not like living in the Galilee, in Tel Aviv, in Jerusalem or wherever else you may be reading this.

Beerseba may be the reason. The Egged bus station, the Samuel Ruben Conservatory and the Academic, the Ben Gurion University of the Negev, the Soroka Medical Centre, the central post office, the Shalom - almost everything in a town is aimed at serving residents of the Negev. From Dimona, Arad, Yeroham, Mitzpe Ramon, Ofakim, Netivot, Sderot, Yamit, kibbutzim and moshavim - everybody comes to Beerseba for some kind of services.

People from Mitzpe Ramon ride a bus for an hour and a half for tests at the Beerseba hospital. People from Dimona ride a bus for half an hour to shop at Beerseba's vegetable market. People from Yamit drive to work every day at Beerseba's university. People from Arad drive for forty-five minutes to buy clothes at Beerseba's department stores. The Negev's people are all tied to Beerseba in some way. It's called the Negev capital, and it really is.

The Negev seems to have such a good reputation in Israel that people are starting to forget about it. Now the Galilee is "in." The Galilee desperately needs Jewish settlement. The Galilee: Safed, Haifa, Tiberias, trees, Kinneret. The Negev: brackish water, camels, Sde Boker, Ben-Gurion.

B-G is an important part of the Negev's image. "Ben-Gurion was in favour of populating the Negev. Ben-Gurion set an example by moving down to the Negev to live at Sde Boker. Ben-Gurion used to walk out in the fields of the Negev with his sheep. Ben-Gurion always used to say: 'If we don't conquer the Negev, then the Negev will conquer us.'" The country seems to be acting as if the Negev was conquered years ago. It wasn't.

The Negev needs to be settled. Urgently. That's the line people used to use in Israel in the 50's. Today they seem to have forgotten about us - paying attention to desert research, Beduin and camels. Everyone down here bakes in the desert sun. But the problem is that there are not enough people to go around.

The Negev needs more people badly. In Beerseba the hospital needs more doctors, the university needs more professors, the research institute needs more researchers, the schools need more teachers, and anyone in the city who can do anything about it is trying their best to keep people here. People who are needed badly.

THERE HASN'T been one family from the Negev who returned to America in the last year," says Hanna Shapiro. If you don't know her, it's a sign that you don't live in the Negev. She is the Beerseba councillor for the AACI (Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel) and she's proud of the fact that she is in personal contact with almost all of the American and Canadian families in the area. She helps them find apartments. She helps them get jobs. She goes with them to the Ministry of the Interior offices to make changes in their passports. She keeps track of what they're doing, worries if they're getting along. "It's impossible for counsellors in Haifa or Tel Aviv to keep such close watch on their families. It's just too big there," she says. Heat is an important part of the Negev's image. "Everything is hot down here," the sidewalkers are hot. The insides of cars are hot. Walking in the sun is hot. Except in the spring, when it's cool, and except in the fall, when it's cooler. And in the winter it rains.

Every winter around this time, the streets get muddy. The plants love it: the palm trees on Dereh Eilat, the trees and bushes carefully planted in front of apartment buildings, the parks along Dereh HaNesimim. There's actually quite a lot of greenery in the Negev. Don't let the image fool you.

The only problem with the Negev is that it's empty. There's nothing in between the cities. Except for the park at Wadi Hah'vor, except for the kibbutzim and moshavim west of Beerseba, except for the regional centres and regional councils, except for the Beduin, except for the archaeology and the scenery. By the way, have you ever really seen the canyon near Mitzpe Ramon?

WHAT DO you think of first thing when I say "Negev"? Ben-Gurion? Desert? Beduin? Heat? Sun?

I usually think of me. Because I live here. I've been living here for three years and that's nothing. There are people who have been living in the Negev for 30 years.

There are about 600 members of one of Israel's most exclusive societies - called *Rishonot Beerseba*. Loosely translated: "We were here first!" They can tell you about Beerseba when there was nothing here. Nothing?

Everyone has a memory point when they remember first seeing Beerseba. "I remember the Negev, when Beerseba only stretched as far as the Desert Inn. Now it's surrounded by apartment buildings, a high school, two gas stations..." But the members of *Rishonot Beerseba* have an advantage - they were here first.

They remember Beerseba when it was only some old Turkish buildings and they had to set up tents in the mud and sun to start building a city here. They remember it, because they did it. That's how recent Beerseba is.

Today the Negev has a different image. It's full of "Oriental Jews." Ask anyone at the university for a statistic. "Fifty per cent of our student body are 'Oriental Jews.'"

The Negev moshavim are full of them, the regional schools are full of them - except for the kibbutzim schools which won't have anything to do with them. The school at kibbutz Magen is all Ashkenazi. The school at Mivtahim - only a ten-minute drive away - is almost all Sephardim. That's also the Negev.

WANT to hear a bad joke? How did all of those "Oriental Jews" get to Dimona? They loaded all of them onto a truck straight off the ship in Haifa and filled it up with gas. Dimona is where the truck ran out of gas. But Dimona is finally getting a good image. All of those indistinct "Oriental Jews" are finally making good.

Yeroham and Mitzpe Ramon are having troubles, though. Recent newspaper headline: "Danger of collapse threatens many plants in Mitzpe Ramon." Elisha Shapiro, head of the local council, says that there has been a "stream" of private investors wanting to start businesses here - but their plans have been foiled because of a lack of manpower. People want to leave, he says, because they're not making enough money here to live. You don't look for those kind of headlines unless you're in serious trouble. Desperate is the word.

Yeroham also has problems. "Needed professional escaping from Yeroham," read a headline in the school paper a few days later. Sometimes I think that the best way to handle Mitzpe Ramon and Yeroham would be to move everyone who lives there to Dimona. Then, at least, they would all be a lot closer to Beerseba.

Could Ptolemy have been a fraud?

By THOMAS O'TOOLE
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WASHINGTON - Claudius Ptolemy, the Greek astronomer publication 1,800 years ago on alia motions brought him a as the greatest astronomer in history, has been described as a just any kind of fraud either, thing to a new book titled "The of Claudius Ptolemy." The author is Robert Newton of Hopkins University, who says "Ptolemy was not the greatest astronomer of antiquity, but he is king still more unusual. He is the most successful fraud in the of science."

Newton is right, few of ny's observations were his and the few that were his own her made up or made indy. To hear Newton tell it, sy operated on a timeworn que used by countless intellectu- eats. He worked backward to the results he wanted to get, taught physics when I was er and what poor student. He an experiment in physics is e their data up," Newton said. slaining how he wrote a book -ing Ptolemy's crime, occurred to me that Ptolemy have done the same thing my students used to do, so I check- to it... I now believe he sized some ideas and made up."

EMY's astronomical work ummed up in a massive book e called "The Syntaxis," after his death in the second ury, he came known as gest, which is Arabic for "the est." Almagest was a synthesis of astronomy, especially the of Hipparchus, who lived 200 years before Ptolemy.

The work broke down into 13 books, the first of which placed the Earth at the center of the solar system. The third book dealt with the motion of the Sun and length of the year, the fourth with the Moon's motion and length of the month. Later books were concerned with the motions of the planets and stars.

What Newton claims is that Ptolemy came up with his theories about the Earth, Sun and Moon based on measurements that Hipparchus had incorrectly made almost 200 years before. Newton says that Ptolemy claimed to have checked the measurements by Hipparchus and confirmed them when in fact he never checked them out.

"Ptolemy made no allowance for the inaccuracies in Hipparchus' measurements, which he could easily have done," Newton said. "Ptolemy tells us he worked for eight years before publishing his work. The fact is he took Hipparchus' measurements on faith and never made any of his own."

PTOLEMY SAID he observed the autumn equinox at Alexandria at 2 p.m. on September 26, 132 C.E. Back-calculations from modern tables show that an observer in Alexandria would have seen the equinox at a few minutes before 10 a.m. September 24, more than a day earlier. "The discrepancy is doubly strange," Newton says, because Ptolemy said he made this particular observation "with the greatest care." Ptolemy goes on to say that he used his equinox observation to show how accurately Hipparchus had measured the length of the year.

Newton says all Ptolemy did was accept without checking the observations of Hipparchus, which were off by seven minutes.

"He was a great astronomer but he wasn't good enough to be one so he made up his data," Newton said of Ptolemy. "He's fooled people for almost 1,800 years."

WHY DID Ptolemy's fraud last for 1,800 years? Newton says it was because there were no independent astronomers around to point out the fraud in the 100 years after Ptolemy lived. Why not later, then?

"The next time there were competent astronomers were the Arabs of the Ninth Century," Newton says. "I think it didn't occur to them to check it."

Newton said he decided Ptolemy was a fraud as he was working on his own specialty, the evolution of the solar system. Why is the Moon getting farther away? Why are tides getting shorter and days longer? These are the questions Newton said he asked himself. "Everything I studied worked except Ptolemy," Newton said. "This is how I began to realize he was a fraud." Ptolemy has already found a defender in Owen Gingerich, an astronomer and historian at Harvard University. Gingerich admits that Ptolemy used "aoms remarkably fishy numbers," but suggests that Ptolemy used only the data that agreed best with his theory and did not make up data to conform with his theory. "When Newton (Isaac, not Robert) and Einstein are considered frauds, I shall have to include Ptolemy," Gingerich says in a paper replying to Newton. "Meanwhile, I prefer to think of him as the greatest astronomer of antiquity."

An interview with former U.S. Under-Secretary of State George Ball

Helping Israel in spite of herself

By MARK SEGAL / Post Political Correspondent

GEORGE BALL, former U.S. Under-Secretary of State, stands by the main drive of his "Foreign Affairs" article (Spring, 1977 issue), with the self-explanatory title of "Helping Israel in spite of herself," which aroused such a storm in Israel and among pro-Israel circles in the U.S. Ball, who has been invited here for the "New Outlook" symposium, has the distinguished looks of the Eastern establishment maa, although he comes from Ohio. He lives in Princeton, New Jersey and commutes to New York, where he is a senior partner in the banking house Lehman Brothers. Although out of office, the veteran diplomat enjoys considerable public standing. En route to Israel, he was in London to deliver the official U.S. lecture on the special U.S.-Britain relationship sponsored by the U.S. Embassy on the occasion of the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

His call for leaning on Israel in order to find a solution to the Middle East conflict aroused widespread interest, especially as it was seen as reflecting the predominant State Department view. He denies this, arguing that there are various views looking for predominance at "Foggy Bottom." Yet it was interesting to note how the gist of his view - that the onus of finding a solution was on Israel, rather than the Arabs - fitted in with the general tone of participants in the "New Outlook" symposium, for which he was scheduled last night to deliver a paper.

The former U.S. Under-Secretary says that in his "Foreign Affairs" article he was addressing himself to U.S. policy, rather than to Israelis. He believes that the U.S. has to take a more assertive position in making the antagonists move. No, he was not proposing any rigid position for the

American side. Did he indeed see the onus to be more on Israel than on the Arabs for finding a solution? To his mind: "From a U.S. viewpoint one has to conclude there is more rigidity on Israel's than on the Arabs' side." He did concede that the "apparent Arab flexibility has not been put to the test; we do not know whether it is apparent or real." He was convinced, however, that since Menachem Begin became Premier, Israel's position had grown even more rigid.

Did he then advocate an imposed solution? Ball dismissed the term as "a red herring." He argued that what he mentioned was U.S. help in trying to steer the parties in the direction of a solution on the basis of UN Resolution 242. Pressed on the latter point, he stressed that 242 was "a necessary basis" for any diplomatic effort.

Yes, he was deeply pleased with the way the Carter Administration was pursuing its Middle East policy, believed it was following the guidelines he had set out. Did it entail what President Sadat once termed "squeezing Israel?" The former Under-Secretary blinked and said: "I don't like pejorative words."

Would the spirit of his article be vulgarly described as "cutting Israel down to size?" I wondered. No, that would be a misinterpretation, came the quick reply, and he added: "They are realistic ideas for the given situation."

BALL believes that the Palestinian issue "is the most difficult and intransigent problem of all." His criticism of past American policy was that it had not sufficiently emphasized this problem. However,



George Ball

today "many Americans see this issue in terms of a solution compatible with U.S. principles of self-determination. As to who owns the real estate, that is peripheral and confusing. There has to be an answer to the issue of self-determination," he emphasized. He added: "One million people cannot be simply left under military occupation. It is Israel's dilemma, and even annexation could only do serious damage to the integrity of the Jewish State."

When it came to answering a double question on talk of "Israel as a burden" in Washington, and the concept of Saudi Arabia as the focal element in U.S. Middle East policy, Ball was rather cautious, and rephrased

his reply extremely carefully. He said: "There are parallel interests between Israel and the U.S., but there is a point where the lines must diverge, because Israeli policy concentrates on its own relationship in the area, while the U.S. has worldwide interests, and it has to take the oil problem into account."

He added that to say that the U.S. was betraying Israel over oil was nonsense. As to whether the U.S. enjoyed leverage in Arab capitals due to its influence in Israel, the diplomaburned banker first observed humorously that it was his impression that Israel often had more leverage over the U.S. But then he added seriously that the Arabs look to the U.S. as a nation that can deliver peace because of its relationship with Israel.

HE BELIEVES that the Arabs want a peace settlement: "Sadat desperately needs it. Assad would like to have it because his regime is jeopardized by internal turbulence and it would also enable him to resolve his PLO problem; and Hussein has wanted it for a long time." Yet he adds that should the present opportunity not produce a resolution of the Middle East problem, there was apprehension that "developing Arab frustration" might lead them to opt for a military solution. No, he did not think that it would mean immediate war. "Unless of course Israel made a first move."

The former Under-Secretary applauds the joint U.S.-Soviet declaration, believing that no move in the Middle East can be achieved without Soviet acquiescence. "While they can not give much to peace, they can hold out the illusory option of a military solution to the Arabs," so it was to the good, he said, that the Russians as co-chairman of the Geneva Conference were involved.

Britain's new era and the North Sea oil boom

By GUY ARNOLD

the industry that can be expected over the next few years.

AS THE industrial world debates nuclear energy, coal and other alternative fuel sources to oil, there is a real danger that Britain, which will be far better off in fuel terms than any of its EEC partners, the USA or Japan, could be tempted into a mood of euphoria which would allow a constant evasion of tough energy decisions.

It is to be hoped that this will not be the case. The Secretary of State for Energy, Tony Benn, recently set up an Energy Commission of 22 people drawn from the energy industries, the trade unions and other interests. The Commission will at once have to

consider a Working Document on Energy Policy, which in turn will act as a forerunner of a government Green Paper expected later this year.

Possibly the most important aspect of the deliberations will be a decision on depletion policy. The Green Paper, no doubt, will set forth guidelines for the coming debate and decisions. But there is a major political hurdle to be overcome.

For years Britain's economic performance has been lamentable when compared with that of her principal trading partners or rivals; now, suddenly, the pound is rising high, the balance of payments are righting themselves and the government sees prospects of huge oil revenues.

The result is not only a spate of articles in the press recognizing the coming of the British oil age but a growing sense of government and political euphoria that may be summed up by the question: how many problems can oil solve?

This is where oil could be disastrous for the nation. With elections probably no more than a year away, it would be unrealistic on the record of the present political parties to imagine that the Labour government on the one hand will not use its oil advantage to the utmost (budget relief, it might be called) to help it retain power at the next elections; while the Tory opposition in its turn will make oil-inspired promises, however disguised, in the hope of returning to power.

If the next election is to be fought on oil promises of better things to come, the precedent will have been set and one must then ask whether there will ever be a long-term policy whose essential ingredient is to use the oil revenues as an investment against the time when it runs out. The alternative will be a succession of oil auctions to obtain public support for immediate policies.

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OPINION

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE to overestimate the importance of the emergence of Gush Emunim and the dominance of its ideology has achieved within the National Religious Party, through the Young Guard, over other factions within the party. This actual establishment of settlements, the ability to attract settlers, the display of pioneering and patriotic dedication — all bear witness to the enthusiasm, vitality, and determination of Gush Emunim.

The combination of religious zeal and right-wing politics has created a feeling of triumph in the adherents of Gush Emunim. They have found support among large sectors of the Israeli population not identified as religious, who welcome the festival of "idealism" and "pioneering values," and who are sympathetic towards the claim for the entire "Land of the Fathers," even when that claim is made in religious terms.

However, it would be an error to think that the religious, moral, and political ideas of Gush Emunim are embraced by the entire Religious Zionist camp, or that its actions are approved by the entire Israeli public. It is my purpose to draw attention to a competing ideology in the Religious Zionist movement, formulated by a group called Oz Veshalom, whose small membership and soft voice must not be allowed to obscure its symptomatic significance within the national-religious spectrum.

(Some aspects of the Oz Veshalom ideology, as expounded by one of its spokesmen, Prof. Uri Simon, were discussed critically by Moshe Kohn in last Friday's Post.)

OZ VESHALOM was founded in 1975 as a reaction to what was regarded as a misinterpretation of religious doctrine and a distortion of Religious Zionism by the members of Gush Emunim. The main force of the attack emanating from the group has crystallized around the most urgent issue: the future of Judea and Samaria from the perspective of Religious Zionism.

In the platform of Oz Veshalom, it is stated that Jews certainly have an irrevocable right to Eretz Yisrael. However, the Arah deair for national self-determination prohibits the fulfilling of the historical claim to the totality of the land.

Moreover, the preservation of the Jewish character of the state, demographically, socially, and culturally, and the realization of the ethical principles fundamental to the Zionist enterprise, necessitate a rejection of the option of maximum borders. Members of Oz Veshalom demand of Religious Zionists the same preparedness for compromise on borders today as they exhibited in 1947.

Prof. Simon has put the matter quite bluntly: "In our present situation, pursuit of peace and justice cannot go together with keeping the entire Land of Israel. There is no choice but to choose between them. We must give up one value in order to achieve a higher one, and the decisive factor here must be the ethical consideration."

Thus, according to Prof. Simon, the Zionist movement cannot deprive another people of its own right to national self-determination. The longer the Jewish occupation in the Territories endures, the greater the chance for Jews to violate the rights of others and thereby transgress in the moral area.

IT IS IMPORTANT to emphasize that members of Oz Veshalom are Religious Zionists who accept the authority of the halacha. Many are active or former members of the NRP, who are disappointed by the direction the party has taken.

This is especially true among those who had identified themselves with the Lamifne faction, led by Dr. Yosef Burg, which they consider to have abandoned its original moderate positions on political and educational matters under pressure from the Young Guard.

Other members of Oz Veshalom are those who refuse to join the NRP because of its stance on the political and moral issue of the Territories.

A small, soft voice

The loudly proclaimed ideas of Gush Emunim are far from being embraced by the entire Zionist Religious camp, and O'DEA.

but who cannot join a non-religious party because of the latter's stance on religious issues.

Although accused of introducing universal humanitarian ethics into an area covered fully by halacha, the spokesmen of Oz Veshalom actually base their own interpretations on religious sources. In their literature they bring forward contrary opinions among Jewish authorities to challenge the univocal positions proclaimed by leaders of Gush Emunim.

Thus, in a recent article, Prof. Simon introduced the interpretation of Nahmanides to Genesis 1:1, which conflicts with the interpretation of Rashi to the same passage, accepted as definitive by Gush Emunim. While Rashi maintains that the Bible begins with Genesis in order to inform us of God's mighty acts, which include the absolute division of the earth into nations and lands they possess, and the absolute right of the people of Israel to the Land of Israel, Nahmanides teaches that possession of the Land of Israel is conditional rather than absolute, dependent upon the ethical behaviour of the People of Israel.

Simon concluded that Religious Zionism cannot be based on an ethical injustice, and that when fulfilling a commandment, such as settling the land, entails an ethical transgression, it negates the religious intent and value of the act.

A FUNDAMENTAL tenet of Gush Emunim ideology is that the commandment to possess the land, and

when necessary to conquer it, is final and absolute.

"These borders, these idiomeres, are sacred and cannot be relinquished by those who consider themselves representatives and guardians of the entire Jewish people." (Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook, "Basot," 22.12.75).

"The land was first acquired through a promise to the ancestors and now is acquired through the conquest of their sons." (Rabbi Dovid, ibid, 26.1.75). From this clear commandment follows the obligation to fight for every inch of the land, against either Jew or non-Jew who threatens to lose the process of possession and settlement (Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook, ibid, 29.1.75; 19.7.75).

Thus, according to Gush Emunim, the commandment of settlement justifies martyrdom, and any lesser means required by the elite vanguard of the Jewish people, which sees itself as the contemporary representative of the Zionist pioneers, prepared to sacrifice all for the goal of retention of the Territories.

As against this position the members of Oz Veshalom have argued that the sanctity of the Land does not legitimate military conquest and subjugation in our day. It is not that the Land is not sacred, or that a Jew would not want to possess it, but that, given the present situation, the gaining of all Eretz Yisrael necessitates paying a destructive price in the moral realm.

Further, members of Oz Veshalom have argued that it is the ethical

quality and spiritual content of Israeli life, rather than the geographical size of the State, that determine its Jewishness. They claim that Jewish nationalism has been and must continue to be guided by a value position based upon Jewish and Zionist principles militating against militarism and chauvinism.

THE SECOND major point of ideological conflict between Gush Emunim and Oz Veshalom is over the critical issue of the interpretation of history: specifically, the appropriateness of a messianic interpretation of contemporary events.

According to the rabbis accepted by Gush Emunim as authoritative, especially Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook, the period since the return of the Jews to Eretz Yisrael, the settlement of the land, the establishment of Jewish sovereignty, and finally, the repositioning of Judea and Samaria, is a messianic time. Redemption of the Land and the return of the exiles are the two chief signs of the onset and the continuation of the messianic process.

Opposition to this messianic interpretation appeared in an essay by the late Zvi Yaron entitled "Messianic Politics." In this, he disputed Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook's application to current events of the philosophy of his father, the late Chief Rabbi Avraham Yitzhak Kook. "The late Rav Kook taught that the Zionist revival in our time ushered in the *atlatla di-gaula* (the

beginning of the messianic redemption). Some Religious Zionists prefer to think of *atlatla di-gaula* as hope and prayer. But even Rabbi Kook wrote only of the religious-historical significance of Zionism: 'There is nothing in his teaching to suggest that at a time of *atlatla di-gaula* the Jewish state should be guided by 'messianic policy'."

Yaron contended that the messianic thinking adopted by Gush Emunim, and grounded upon a faulty interpretation of Rav Kook, gave, by Rav Kook's, created an anti-historical and unrealistic approach, whose dangerous manifestations were obvious in the behaviour and writings of members of Gush Emunim. Thus, in Yaron's view, members of Gush Emunim commonly reject anyone who responds favourably to Arab claims, to international pressures, or to any other factor in the complex realistic situation, as one who lacks faith.

Another result of the messianic interpretation of history accepted by Gush Emunim is the emergence of certain attitudes towards others and towards history. Members of Gush Emunim are characterized by an enthusiasm that permits no criticism or rational analysis. They seem driven by a nationalism whose imperatives may override humanitarian and ethical considerations. They are inclined towards violence and militancy as necessary aspects of the process that must be fulfilled.

Not only are they prepared for physical sacrifice; they are also willing to sacrifice their individual minds and power of rational judgment in accepting the authority of their particular interpretation and interpreter as absolute. Similarly, they accept fixed formulas and are immune to thinking in historical categories, because such thinking demands a recognition of process and change and requires finesse in judgment.

Finally, they are possessed by a sense of movement whose momentum must be maintained. The need to be constantly in motion, so ob-

vious in the behaviour of the members of Gush Emunim and in their religious dogmatism, that both their messianic and moral considerations are obscured.

FOUNDED IN ORDER to identify and spiritual prof Oz Veshalom has concentrated force on protesting against the attitudes and methods of Gush Emunim. Focus upon the political issue has forced Veshalom to neglect the other religious education, which basic concern to its members suggested in various bulletins organization that the members Veshalom intend to work a what is considered to be a tendency towards withdrawal defensiveness towards the religious world on the part religious school system and a theoretical right-wing interpretation of Jewish nationalism, which penetrates the school system.

However, the influence Veshalom, certainly in the education, but also in the politics, has been minimal. One speaks of the religious of the Israeli public, or the NRP, reasons are not difficult to find.

First, the voice of rationalism is always dimmed voice of extremism emotionalism. Second, the volition complicates an injustice is always dimmed voice of clarity and self-criticism, a movement that engages critique of society in the transcendent values, and in the queue of the religious establish according to the same criteria much less appealing than one identifies the holy with an social order. Finally, a movement that speaks in the name of ethical values and the right "other" is much less compelling than one that asserts the unique superior rights of the "family." The author, a doctor of the School of Religion, is a lecturer Hebrew University School of Religion.

READERS' LETTERS

POLITICIZATION OF RELIGION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Levantine religion is religion that has been politicized. This is an unfortunate pattern that may be seen throughout the Middle East. Its most extreme expression is the bloody civil war in Lebanon. But this politicization of religion may be seen also, if to a lesser degree, in modern Israel. For Orthodox religious parties manoeuvre for power in government and exploit that secular power to force their religious views on Jewish Israeli society and to inhibit the functioning of other branches of Judaism such as Reform and Conservative.

Many thoughtful Israelis, including some who are themselves devout Orthodox Jews, oppose such involvement by religious parties in the political arena, whether in the Knesset or in the World Zionist Congress. They are aware that such religious political parties can polarize society and lead both to oppression and to an unhealthy

spiritual stagnation of religion itself.

That is why I fear that the founding of a new Reform religious party to compete for elections to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress may have been an unfortunate mistake. For this may well add to and further compound the very politicization of Jewish religion in Israel that many of us wish to change. There is no question that Reform and Conservative Jews do have a legitimate complaint against the limitations placed upon them in otherwise modern Israel. But most non-Orthodox political factions in the Knesset and in the World Zionist Congress also oppose such oppressive, Orthodox "establishmentarianism." So to create now a Reform religious party to compete for votes and seek political power either in the Knesset or in the World Zionist Congress is to fall into the trap of Levantine religion. This is not the way.

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DESTRUCTION OF A DREAM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Some weeks ago, Mark Segal wrote about the destruction of a dream. He had returned from two years in London to find a Tel Aviv different from that which he remembered. Segal found a city of vast urban sprawl, of governmental incompetence, and of get-rich-quick contractors. He found a city which was losing any claim to beauty it had once had and was rapidly becoming a nightmare.

Last year, I returned to Israel after 3,000 years, and what I saw was also the destruction of my dream. But it was neither confined to Tel Aviv nor to any other geographic location.

With all its apparent dynamism and technological know-how, our country has begun to exhibit signs of a structural weakening from within. Surely, Israel does not need another prophet of gloom at this particular juncture in her history. Neither does she need to be hindered by the problems that do in fact exist, as in any society.

Very large numbers of people cheat on their income taxes or devise ingenious ways to escape other taxes.

The bureaucracy in Israel is so overwhelmingly stifling as to tax nearly everyone's imagination and very often, their health. Corruption, protection, and other forms of influence peddling are widespread, to say the least.

Although there are laws against littering, these laws are seldom if ever enforced, with the result that Israel's streets are among the dirtiest in the Western world. The list can go on and on, but what is primarily important in all this is the widespread phenomenon of an

apathetic citizenry. It is the seeming acceptance of the inevitable which is irksome, for there is no inevitability to these problems at all.

What is needed is the emergence of a dynamic leadership both at the national level and among our engaged citizenry. For too long, we have focused on our external threats at the expense of our internal problems. A re-emergence of national values, a pride in the glory of our country, a re-examination of the roots of our people within the Jewish homeland, and a lessening of the blind run toward materialism will be the first steps toward our salvation.

In the Jewish State, there is no excuse for a Hatikva Quarter if there exists a Savoyon. There is no need for such widespread etching and cheating if we are truly the "People of the Book." It is important to remember that Israel was created as the only Jewish state and as such, was meant to embody all the best aspects of our religion and our tradition.

RICHARD REBHUN

HONOURS TO AXEL SPRINGER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I would like to congratulate Axel Springer on his magnificent article, "A failure before history" (November 10).

I think it is one of the finest pro-Israel pieces that has appeared in the non-Israeli and non-Jewish press anywhere in the world. And adding to its magnificence is the fact that the article appeared in "Die Welt," one of West Germany's most prestigious publications.

JACK GREENFEST

TACTLESS PRYING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have often felt, when seeing Yaron London conduct his show "Alei Koteret" on TV, that he was unnecessarily tactless and aggressive. He surpassed himself when he pried into the private expenses of the Prime Minister and his wife. Mr. London apparently thinks that the provision of an official residence or car to the P.M. is something that needs looking into. He even enquired about expenses on food in the P.M.'s kitchen.

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Sadat's courage

WHAT SEEMED almost inconceivable only a few days ago, is now virtually certain to become fact tomorrow night, with the arrival in Israel's capital of Egypt's President Anwar Sadat — the first Arab leader ever to set foot on the sovereign soil of the Jewish State.

Mr. Sadat will be embarking on what he himself has termed "a holy mission" in the face of mounting opposition in the Arab world, both outside and within Egypt. While in Damascus on Wednesday, he failed to win President Assad's support for the idea; and in the meantime his own hawkish Foreign Minister, Ismail Fahmy, has resigned in protest.

The risks Mr. Sadat is running are patently enormous, and they would be multiplied if the mission were to be pronounced a failure. Whatever else may now be said of the Egyptian President, he is not lacking in the courage of his convictions. For that alone, he deserves to be honoured and applauded.

A soberly balanced appraisal of Mr. Sadat's bold new initiative is, however, in order.

On the face of it, it is but a leaf taken from a book held aloft by all Israeli premiers since the inception of the State. It may also be argued that this initiative represents a reaction to Egypt's permanent internal crisis, which would appear to be insoluble except through a peace settlement.

Yet it is impossible to overestimate the revolutionary impact of President Sadat's move in terms of traditional Arab politics. Although he has not effected a breakthrough — that does not, of course, depend on him alone — he has surely made a historic break with the past. That in itself is an extraordinary achievement.

While he has obviously not given up the military option, Mr. Sadat is now on a diplomatic warpath; and he fully realizes that Jerusalem sits right astride it. That is why he is coming here. He is not coming here, needless to say, to align himself with Mr. Begin in the Premier's dispute with other Arab leaders. Part at least of his intention may well be to "unmask" Mr. Begin's "intransigence," as a PLO spokesman claimed in Beirut. At his press conference in Damascus Mr. Sadat reiterated that his differences with President Assad remained tactical and not strategic.

That can easily be credited; in any case, Mr. Sadat could hardly be expected to put it otherwise at this time.

Tomorrow night the Egyptian President will be arriving in Jerusalem to plead for the acceptance of his own peace programme. In Israeli eyes, that programme has so far been rather short of peace. But Mr. Sadat's very arrival may suggest that Arab — or, for a start, at least Egyptian — aversion to the idea of real peace can no longer be taken for granted.

Great forests will no doubt have to disappear before the paperwork needed to prepare peace treaties is finished. The millennium is not around the corner. But we may be approaching a momentous beginning.

The question, as Foreign Minister Dayan neatly put it yesterday, is where to go from there. The answer, though, would seem to be self-evident: towards a mutually agreed accommodation, the participants in which will treat each other as permanently good neighbours and not as potential, let alone actual, enemies. We should hope that Israel, for its part, is gearing itself for just such an accommodation.

POSTSCRIPTS

ALMOST as much as he loved painting, Reuben Rubin loved people, particularly his friends. His spirit, therefore, must have hovered lovingly over the party his widow gave earlier this week on the occasion of what would have been the artist's 54th birthday.

It was not a small party — Rubin had had too many friends for that — and there were several hundred guests. Esther Rubin, so often painted by her husband and still beautiful, was glad so many people had come. "We always had these parties when Reuben was alive and I'd like to keep up the tradition. Reuben always wanted the people around him to be happy."

S.S.

THE GROUPS of young non-Jews who come here to work as volunteers in the kibbutzim often go home to become Israel's best ambassadors. But a letter we have received from Denmark suggests that we should not begin to take them for granted and regard them merely as an addition to the work force.

DAKIV stands for Danish Kibbutz Friends, an organization which annually sends about 50 groups, totalling 1000 young Danes, to 42 kibbutzim for a stay of three months. The young people are briefed about the kibbutz and Israel before they come here and seminars are held throughout the year. The purpose of the organization is "to not only to provide your kibbutzim with free manpower," but even more to make young Danes think about kibbutz life as an alternative life style for themselves in Denmark.

The letter says that the success of the scheme depends to a great extent on making the volunteers feel that they are appreciated "not only for

their work value but also for their human qualities." It goes on to say that in many kibbutzim, the volunteers feel there is decreasing interest in them and suggests that the old practice of each volunteer being "adopted" by a kibbutz family should be revived. It ends rather sadly that DAKIV have come to the conclusion that they can only send their people to kibbutzim where the volunteer guest-workers are suitably treated.

It would be a pity if kibbutznikdom of all people were to extinguish the delicate flame of what should be Israel's light to the nations.

WE THOUGHT we recognized the crazy face of the man standing behind us in the line queue in Jerusalem the other day. But surely it couldn't be the ex-Minister? Or could it, now that he was out of office? He certainly didn't seem to know much about the workings of Egged.

"How long shall we have to wait for another bus?" he asked rather querulously, as the driver closed the door in our faces.

"Well, it should be about five minutes. But we shall probably have to wait about a quarter of an hour, and then three buses will draw up almost at the same time," we replied with the resignation typical of the regular bus-traveller. "You couldn't possibly know, could you, after your years in the Cabinet."

"I only had a chauffeur car for three years," the ex-Minister said, almost apologetically. "But of course, I did have a car before that." And then he added — as if discovering America — "Have you any idea how expensive it is to take a taxi?" We always did think it a good idea if our people in high places were made to do a kind of Harum et Raahid stint of disguising themselves as ordinary Israelis for a day every so often. It could prove a very profitable form of national service.

F.D.

AFTER THE EUPHORIA

The speed with which a new Middle East scenario has been building up in the past ten days has left everyone breathless.

YOSEF GOELL suggests that some corrective is needed to restore a sense of balance and reality.

THE EUPHORIA that swept Israel this week, as the possible implications of President Sadat's dramatic initiative in getting himself invited to Jerusalem began to sink in, was something to see, indeed.

Newspapermen, sports clubs and students' organizations vied with each other in trying to push their own personal agendas with their counterparts in Egypt. The national "trip" was further fired by the heady talk in this week's Knesset debate, in which party spokesmen outdid each other in welcoming Mr. Sadat.

The one exception to the dominant tone in the Knesset debate was perhaps even more influential because unintended, than all the rest. Many otherwise sceptical Israelis were helped to overcome their suspicions by Rahab's Meir Wilner. "If the Arab Communists are against Sadat's visit, it must be good for Israel," went the reasoning.

But the trouble with euphoria is the morning-after depression.

OUR EUPHORIA is an expression of several aspects of our national character. First and foremost, it is a true expression of Israel's deep desire for peace. The most hopeful sign in all the to-do accompanying the developments of the last 10 days was the undisguised exhilaration with which the members of the Egyptian National Assembly greeted President Sadat's announcement of his intention to come to Jerusalem to press his case. If it were just a matter of Egypt, there is little doubt that the average Egyptian is just as war weary as the average Israeli. But the tragedy is, that to date it has never been "just a matter of Egypt."

While the euphoria is also one facet of our mercurial mende-depression nature as a people, it is perhaps most of all an outcome of our need to believe in miracles. Our disappointment over the decades at

being unable to point to any real indication of an Arab desire to end the dispute with us and to go on towards peace and Arab-Israeli cooperation in the development of the Middle East, has made many of us dangerously susceptible to the blandishments of the miraculous approach to peace.

There is a deep desire to believe that what has ended plodding diplomacy and unimaginative politicians over three decades will be vouchsafed us in one fell swoop by a miracle. The unexpectedness and theatricality of Sadat's coup, and the fulsome response to it from the most hawkish government Israel has had, coincide with a millennial cast of mind.

SOME CORRECTIVE is sorely needed to restore a sense of balance and reality. It is undeniable that Rahab's Meir was right. Sadat's visit, if it is not out of line, and insubordinate into the bargain, in the interview he gave "Yediot Aharanot" warning of possible duplicity on Sadat's part and pointing to continuing Egyptian preparations for war. But what the Chief of Staff had to say must be said — if not by him, then by some source with sufficient influence on public opinion to restore us to a sense of reality.

Not that Sadat's overture should have been rejected with shrill disdain. On the contrary, Mr. Begin is to be applauded for a remarkable performance in matching the Egyptian President's initiative. The entire development, however, only serves to highlight one of the basic problems confronting Israeli political strategists: assessing the pros and cons of various developments in the Arab world for their impact on the Arab-Israeli dispute.

To take one example: It can be argued very cogently that speeded-up Arab economic development, and especially the modernization of

Saudi Arabia and its spin-off in surrounding Arab countries, should be taken as a harbinger of the dampening of the intensity of Arab involvement in the dispute with Israel. Arabs who become increasingly immersed in the problems of economic development and the safeguarding of their economic achievements will have less reason to persevere in the struggle against Israel and less mental energy to devote to it.

Perhaps. But the opposite is also possible. A Saudi Arabia that successfully leaps from the Stone Age into the 20th century could also be a formidable addition to Arab military strength and a major force in keeping alive Arab hopes for a military victory over Israel in a not-too-distant round. The fact is that Saudi Arabia is becoming just such a major arsenal of sophisticated weapons on Israel's eastern front.

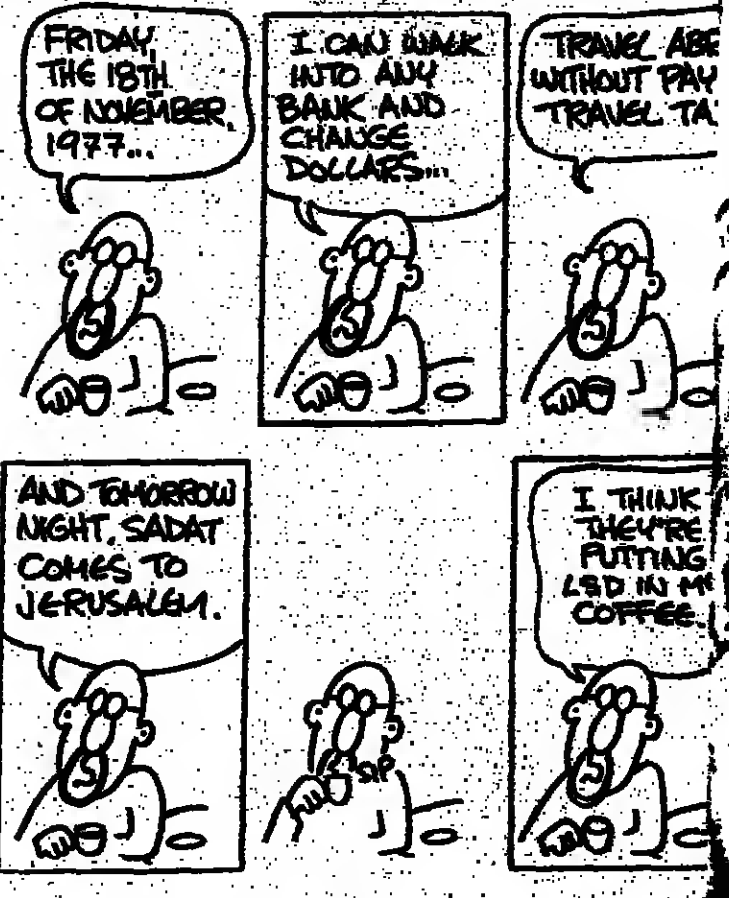
Which of these assessments is the more valid? No one really knows. This indeterminacy is a major problem for strategic planners, political leaders and opinion makers, with inveterate viewers through rose-tinted glass or dyed-in-the-wool pessimists choosing the interpretation they're most comfortable with.

Or to take a second example: our American friends have been telling us for years, and with growing urgency in the past six months or so, that the careening of Egypt's economy towards unimaginable catastrophe should lead us to accept at face value Egyptian protestations of their desire for peace with Israel.

Not only can Egypt ill-afford the cost of continued fighting for war with Israel, not to mention the depredations of war itself, this argument goes, but Sadat's own regime and perhaps even his life are threatened by continued fixation on the centrality of the dispute with Israel.

It sounds logical. But we have Sadat's own testimony that his

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earlier confrontation with Egypt's empty larder was a major factor in his decision to gamble on the timing of the Yom Kippur War. As he proudly told foreign newsmen, one of the most important and immediate results of that war was that \$300m. were pumped into Egypt's devastated economy, staving off catastrophe.

The calamitous state of Egypt's economy is not a matter for conjecture; it is one of the worst facts of life in the Middle East. But whether it will lead to peace or to war is anyone's guess.

THE POSSIBLE MOTIVES underlying Sadat's initiative are certainly open to conflicting assessments. On the one hand, it may be a masterful public relations play — admittedly at great risk for that master of Middle

East roulette, but a risk out prospects of further under Israel's position with its warring and oil-rich friends at it may truly mark the first reversal of the seemingly in-march to another eye-destructive round of Middle fighting.

If Sadat's visit is followed by Mr. Begin to Cairo, meaningful talks at Ger perhaps even in Jerusalem a capital of the Arab world states; then, and only then, begin to believe that peace, the threat of war, and reduce the defence burdens cripple economies of Israel and of neighbours, are indeed visible end of a long, dark tunnel. They are not around the

What's behind Gur's warning?

There must have been a very good reason behind the indiscretion of Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur earlier this week, writes the Post's military correspondent

HIRSH GOODMAN, and perhaps the Government is not altogether displeased at his apparent gaffe, as was originally thought.



R-A Mordechai Gur

MANY THINGS have been said about the chief of staff, but no one has ever suspected him of being foolish. The opposite is true. Mordechai Gur is a subtle and calculating. He must have foreseen the repercussions of his decision to grant an interview on Egypt's preparations for war, despite the fact that he had been told by the defence minister to remain mum. He must have realised that he was jeopardising his career by putting a damper on the Government's euphoric reaction to the Egyptian leader's dramatic move and its subsequent invitation to him.

Yet he granted the interview anyway. He must have had a very good reason, and perhaps it is worth the country's while to slow down and take a long, cold, hard look at what may have prompted the chief of staff to say what he did.

This article is intended neither to justify nor to attack Mordechai Gur. Obviously, he was walking on very shaky ground when he decided to intrude into the realm of policy — and he should not have done so. Obviously, his timing was lamentable. Just hours before the Knesset sat down to discuss the visit, he decided to invite Sadat to come to Israel. But, by the same token, one could argue that perhaps there was no better time for him to sound his warning — before the country was faced with a fait accompli — and perhaps he felt he had no option but to make a policy statement.

IT IS A TRUISM that the chief of staff is privy to information that men in the street — and indeed, the cabinet and the Knesset member — does not have. This information is circulated to only a small number of men in the upper echelons of the state and the armed forces. Very few people in the country — apart from the prime minister, the defence minister and possibly, but by no means certainly, the foreign minister and the heads of the security services — are in a position to analyse the picture in its entirety. Few receive the sum total of all the country's intelligence estimates. Only those three: the Defence Minister, the prime minister and chief of staff.

Assume for one minute that the chief of staff, who holds joint responsibility for the defence of this coun-

try, may have felt that, for reasons of political expediency, the public was not being told what he considered to be the truth. Would it not be worth his while to take the risks that Gur took? After all, what did he have to lose — that he would be asked to resign in December, 1977, instead of on April 15, 1978.

WHAT THE CHIEF OF STAFF did, does not, in retrospect, seem all that terrible — even though his lack of discipline is unforgivable. He was not alone in his decision. He was invited by Sadat to come to Israel. But, by the same token, one could argue that perhaps there was no better time for him to sound his warning — before the country was faced with a fait accompli — and perhaps he felt he had no option but to make a policy statement.

A POSSIBLE EXPLANATION of the disparity in the public position taken by the chief of staff and the defence minister is that they interpret the same facts differently. Perhaps not each move made by

the Egyptians in arming themselves or training their troops is indeed a sign of war. Perhaps Weizman, who after all has the final word, and Gur, who is little more than an executor of the Government's policy, failed to see eye-to-eye on the significance of moves on the Egyptian side of the border. If this is so, then indeed Gur should have been fired for airing his private opinions despite the fact that they had been rejected by the defence establishment.

GUR'S ACTION leaves many questions unanswered. But no matter how one looks at it, one has to conclude that his judgment was faulty.

Assume that he is right and that Israel does have definite proof that the Egyptians are planning a war for 1978. And assume that Begin and Weizman decided to remain silent about such plans for fear of ruining what seems to be an unprecedented diplomatic opportunity for solving the ills of the region. Why go making the news public in the way he did? Why opt for open confrontation?

Other methods have been used before, for example, an off-the-record briefing of journalists. The Egyptians and the Israeli public would have got the message. The only logical answer is that Gur realised that his claims were going to need credibility. And only an on-the-record interview with his name to back up the distressing news had such credibility.

Gur was not fired. Perhaps this is some indication that the chief of staff's comments were not entirely out of turn. Perhaps, in retrospect, the Government is even a little pleased that the chief of staff was able to say what they could not, due to the delicacy of the situation. There is no doubt that Israel wants Sadat to visit Jerusalem. There can be little doubt that Israel wants the Egyptian leader to know that we know that he is hard at work preparing a viable alternative to diplomacy, should the negotiating process break down. Perhaps Gur, in the ultimate analysis, did everybody a favour.

READERS' LETTERS appear on page 12.

Military powerhouse

WHAT COULD HAVE prompted Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur into making his public statement that Egypt was preparing for war in 1978? In his interview, he himself cited the fact that the Egyptian army was conducting military offensive manoeuvres on an unprecedented level. He claimed as well that the Egyptians have built 350 outposts as part of two large-scale entrenchment systems along the east side of the Suez Canal that could absorb five Egyptian divisions simultaneously.

He also noted the consistency with which the Egyptians are breaking the terms of the interim agreement.

But what Gur did not mention, and what was recently published in the American "Armed Forces Journal," and printed earlier this week in The Jerusalem Post is a two-year, \$9b. arms modernisation plan just launched by the Egyptians.

The "Journal" quotes one Western observer as claiming that the plan will make Egypt "a military powerhouse" and will provide her with an aircraft factory, a missile factory and a four-billion-dollar maintenance facility for her armoured vehicles.

Other points covered by the plan include:

- * Purchase of 200 Alpha from Britain, 185 of which will be built at a new Egyptian plant constructed on a turn basis.
- * Transfer of 35 Mirage and 40 Mirage F-1 fighter jets from Saudi Arabia.
- * Overhaul of all of Egypt's Mig-21 fighters, which will only call for engine replacement but will also improve overall performance by the installation of new navigation and attack systems.
- * Purchase of 400 British Lynx helicopters.
- * Modernization of 12 Hawk Siddeley 748 short-range transports.
- * Purchase of 21,000 Soviet anti-tank missiles mounted on new Landrovers.
- * Overhaul of Egypt's missile fleet, providing them new fire-control systems.
- * Refurbishing all Egyptian T-55 tanks, providing suspension and fire-control systems, as well as night-capability.
- * New fuses for all 122mm, 130mm, artillery shells, greatly improving overall artillery capability and efficiency.
- * Purchase of 12 Teled Ryan piloted aircraft from U.S.
- * Another 14 Lockheed C-130 transports — also from the U.S.

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